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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SHOULD MEET, SAYS MEMPHIS PASTOR

The Convention Committee on Arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention met the local Memphis committee in the Peabody Hotel on January 26. All phases of the matter were thoroughly discussed and a majority of those present were in favor of holding the Convention with whatever number were able to attend. Let me offer the following obvious reasons why the Convention should meet:

1. There is no authority provided by the constitution for the cancellation of a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. The polling of the “agencies” cannot give the sentiment or desire of the Southern Baptist Convention. This can be obtained only by polling the member-churches of this body.

3. If the Convention is cancelled on the advice of the boards or agencies, then the Convention yields its government to its boards or bureaus, if you please.

4. There is no provision, constitutional or otherwise, providing for the “holding over” of the board members whose time has expired on the date of the Convention meeting. If this is permitted the boards may become self-perpetuating.

5. If the Executive Committee exercises any authority in passing on the question of the cancellation of the Convention meeting they will be doing that which the Convention never anticipated in any statement or motion which gave them the authority under which they are operating.

6. There is no precedent for the Executive Committee to proceed on, short of the polling of the member-churches in securing a vote as to the cancellation of the meeting of the Convention.

It has been nearly a century since the Convention failed to meet for its annual gathering. That was during the period of the Civil War. Any deviating from our established custom may be the first step in the change of our method of government. At present we are a “democracy.” After this is established we will be a “boardocracy.”

By all means, the Convention should meet if only five hundred could attend.

R. J. BATEMAN, Pastor,
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Memphis, Tenn.

MISSISSIPPIAN SPENDS CHRISTMAS IN HOLY LAND

(Among the Mississippi Baptists serving overseas is John King, who since last summer has been with the American Red Cross, stationed in Egypt. His wife, Mary Belle King, and sons, John and Waller, live in Clinton, where Mr. King was once on the faculty of Mississippi College. More recently he was director of physical education in the public schools of Brookhaven and state supervisor of the recreational program of the WPA. At Christmas John King took a party of soldiers on a trip through the Holy Land. The following letter, written from Jerusalem on Christmas Eve to his mother-in-law, Mrs. George W. Riley, will be of interest both to his many friends and to students of the Holy Land.)

Between moves and between my here and there movements, I am going to attempt to tell you some of the things I saw, for I know how interested you

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JOHN A. FARMER ACCEPTS POSITION IN CALIFORNIA

By E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary

John A. Farmer, associate Sunday school secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, leaves us on March first to become Sunday school



JOHN A. FARMER

Mr. Farmer came to the Sunday school department in June, 1937, from several years teaching in the state, after finishing his work in college. Although the work was new to him, he launched into it with a vigor and determination to make a success of it, and the results are an eloquent testimony to the worthy contributions made by him.

He has never been content to just go along, but has always wanted to do his utmost in whatever phase of it he was doing. Increasing loyalty and a deep consecration have ever characterized him

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY A Heart To Heart Talk

J. E. Dillard

Everybody remembers St. Valentine's Day. Don't you recall how when you were a youngster or an adolescent you feasted your eyes and thrilled your heart by looking in the store windows at the pretty, flimsy, lacy valentines with their red hearts and pretty birds and saccharine rhymes? And don't you remember how you hoped somebody, some particular somebody, would send you one? And don't you remember how delighted you were when the mail came and you actually received one or more of the lovely missives?

And then you worked so hard selecting or making the prettiest valentine that ever was to send to the idol of your heart. Did you get the more joy out of receiving or giving a valentine? Well, it just depended; both were heart-warming, pulse-hastening experiences not to be forgotten.

And now that you are full-grown and perhaps have children of your own, do you treasure any the less these little expressions of love and appreciation?

Do you think Jesus wants us to give Him some token of our love even if He has given us so many tokens of His love? Of course, He does. You will recall that He asked Simon Peter three times, “Simon, lovest thou me?” Have we told Him that we really love Him; that we love Him above all others? How are we showing it? We should let our lips and lives express the holy love that we

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RECORD OF LARGEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS, 1942 Union Association Takes The Lead

The records for 1942 show 23 large associations among Southern Baptists having 20,000 to 70,000 church members in the affiliating churches. Of these largest associations Atlanta has held the lead for perhaps forty years; but in 1942 Union Association (Houston, Texas) stepped up in the lead. This great association now comprises 126 churches and 69,612 church members! Also, Union Association again reported the largest number of baptisms for the year—3,908. The next largest number of baptisms reported in 1942 came from the Dallas County Association, which had 2,531 baptisms last year. And again Union Association led the South in Sunday school enrollment, reporting 53,412 enrolled last year. Atlanta (Georgia) Association came second with 43,951 enrolled in its Sunday schools.

Atlanta Association Leads in Mission Contributions

In the total sum given to missions and benevolences, however, Atlanta Association still stands first in the entire South, reporting \$195,980.86 total mission gifts in 1942, though her per member record is not so good—only \$2.98.

Knoxville and Richmond Led in Per Member Gifts

The honor of leading the South in the per capita (per member) gifts to missions, however, went to Knox County Association (Knoxville, Tennessee), which gave \$4.84-plus per member to missions and benevolences in 1942. Next to Knox county, Tennessee, came Dover Association (Richmond, Virginia), which gave an average of \$4.78-plus per member to missions and benevolences.

Strange enough, the smallest per member gifts to missions from any of the big associations of the South came from Tarrant county (Fort Worth, Texas), which reported only \$2.18 per member gifts for all missions and benevolences. Waco Association in Texas led all the larger associations in Texas in her per member gifts to missions and benevolences in 1942, giving an average of \$3.07-plus as compared to \$2.81 for Union Association, \$2.43 for Dallas Association, and \$2.18 for Tarrant county (Fort Worth).

Kansas City Has Best Sunday School Record

Kansas City Association (Missouri) made the best

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PRESBYTERIANS DECIDE TO HOLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Some favor, some oppose holding the 1943 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. We give below the action of our Presbyterian brethren.)

Detroit—In spite of anticipated difficulties in transportation and accommodations, decision to proceed with plans for holding the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA was reached at a meeting of the Detroit committee and Dr. William B. Pugh, of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the general assembly.

It was the sense of the meeting that religion should “carry on” in these difficult times, the Rev. Frederick H. Olert, D. D., minister of the First Presbyterian church, and chairman of the Detroit Presbytery's committee on the entertainment of the general assembly, said.

The assembly will meet in Detroit on May 27.

BAPTIST RECORD CIRCULATION THIS WEEK 30,752

Sparks and Splinters

February 1 marked the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. S. H. Jones at Brookhaven. He continues to grow in the love and esteem of his people.

Mrs. John H. Haarala reports a good day at Kreole, Sunday, January 31. Out of the Sunday school enrollment of 155, 108 were present, including all of the teachers and general officers. The Training Union attendance was 24.

Rev. C. O. Stegall has accepted the pastorate of the East Fork and Hebron churches in Mississippi Association. He will serve each half time.

Five of the eight churches of the Tippah County B. T. U. Association were represented at their monthly meeting at Walnut on January 31. The attendance was 56. Those taking part on the program included Mrs. John Byrd, Jr., Hubert Skinner, Mrs. Jack Wilbanks, H. G. Street, Rev. Elmo Ray, Rev. C. M. Wilbanks and the Walnut B. T. U.—Burnell Byrd, secretary.

W. D. Barham, clerk of Longtown church, sent us a nice list containing both new and renewal subscriptions.

It is a Bible-conscious navy that sails the seas, and there has been a general increase of religious reading aboard the ships seeking out the enemy, according to their librarians, who usually are the chaplains. Back in Norfolk on a man-o'-war which participated in the American landing at Casablanca, one chaplain related that the demand for New Testaments exhausted his entire supply—500 of them. He gave out the pocket editions to his crew en route to the scene of action and, later, to the crews of four escort vessels. None was left when chaplains ashore in Africa also asked to be supplied.

We have received a nice list from Ebenezer in Attala county. This list represents one-half the resident families and was sent in by T. L. Hollingsworth.

Bruce Baptist Church, in cooperation with the Statewide Evangelistic Crusade, will begin an eight day revival on March 28. Rev. J. B. Middleton of Sardis will do the preaching. They have just installed new pews and have a modern Butane heating system. Rev. L. F. Haire is the pastor.

Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, who is attending the chaplain's school at Harvard University, writes as follows: "My formal resignation was sent in to the First Baptist Church of Cleveland recently. I want to step entirely out of the picture so that the new pastor will not feel that he is merely a supply pastor in my absence."

Another nice list comes from East End church at Columbus. The subscription list of this church is growing rapidly. Rev. W. L. Marsh is the pastor.

The great and growing work of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, was presented to Senatobia Baptists Sunday morning, January 24, in an impressive address by Deacon M. P. Moore. Mr. Moore, who spoke by request of the pastor and deacons, is a trustee of the hospital and one of North Mississippi's outstanding business men.

Friendship, Lincoln county: In co-operation with the Evangelistic Crusade, we are having a week-end revival. These services will be held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday, February 19-21, with the closing service being Sunday afternoon. Pastor Lewis Curtis will bring the series of evangelistic messages.

Rev. J. M. Metts was the visiting preacher in the Evangelistic Crusade in the First church, Biloxi. There were 11 additions. Six others joined on Sunday following. Pastor Hodges reports 26 additions during January, and writes: "Brother Metts never did better preaching than in this revival."

Norfolk, Va.: Government-owned buildings in government-owned communities here will probably be used for religious services conducted by interdenominational groups following acceptance by the Tidewater Ministerial Union of recommendations submitted by its committee for extension work in defense areas. (The government will not deal with any one denomination as such, but only with an inter-denominational group.) (This looks like forcing church union on Baptists.—Editor.)

DR. CHARLES TREADWAY ACCEPTS CLEVELAND PASTORATE

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church of Cleveland reluctantly accepted the resignation of our pastor, Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, who has labored faithfully with us for more than fourteen years. For the past month he has been in training at Harvard University for a chaplainship in the U. S. army. He is now stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

The church unanimously extended a call to Dr. Charles Treadway, who has accepted and began his ministry as our new pastor Sunday, February 7. He comes to us from the Louisville Seminary, where he recently received his doctor's degree. He is a young man well equipped, and has a wife and two small boys. His wife is the former Ruby Peoples, who finished at Mississippi College and later took her master's degree at the Louisville Seminary.

Dr. Treadway was graduated from Mississippi College with an A B degree in May, 1937. He went immediately to the Seminary at Louisville and there remained continuously until last December when he received his Th.D. degree. During this time his wife took her master's degree at the same institution, having previously, in May, 1937, graduated from Mississippi College.

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The following were among the recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: E. L. Smith, McComb; Rev. Floyd M. Britt, New Orleans; Rev. W. E. Winstead, New Augusta; Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Star; Rev. Barney Padgett, Clinton.

Jones Bayou Baptist Church used all the fifth Sunday, not part of it. After the Sunday school service we met in groups and studied various books on Evangelism. Pastor Earl George taught the adult and young people's group. Visiting teachers were: Miss Ouida Cook, secretary of Calvary church, Jackson; Miss Doris Spencer, Mississippi College student; Rev. Percy McGee, pastor of Dockery Baptist Church; Rev. Guy Reedy, pastor of Ogden church. After a picnic lunch, we finished our books and took the examination. At 3:30 we had our B. T. U. service and dismissed for the day. We plan to have a like service on coming fifth Sundays.—Mrs. A. O. McDade.

Rev. A. B. Massey sends us a group of subscriptions from New Prospect church in Leake county. These were to be added to those already received from that church and now all except two resident families of that church are subscribers.

Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.: Sunday, Jan. 31, 1943, brought to a close a happy, progressive year's work for Calvary Baptist Church and pastor, Floyd M. Britt. We rejoiced to have with us on this happy occasion many of the charter members, with all the charter officers present. The first pastor of the church, Dr. J. Wash Watts, brought a most encouraging and helpful message. Calvary church has been built and maintained by the spirit of cooperation and hard work. By the fine spirit of cooperating with their much beloved pastor, Floyd M. Britt, who came to them from Florence, Miss., just one year ago, we have been able to cancel our notes on the church debt eight months in advance. Our church has made wonderful progress along every line, for which we go forward with gratitude in our hearts.—Reporter.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

February

Evangelistic Statewide Crusade Continues.
Cooperative Program.
Debtless Denomination Day, Feb. 14.
One Hundred Thousand Club.
Now Club Emphasis.
Church Schools of Missions.

W. M. U.

Study Home Mission Book, "They Need Not Go Away."
Plan for a School of Missions Using South America Graded Series.
Observe Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 7-12.

B. T. U.

B.T.U. Soul Winning Study Course Emphasis.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

From Hepzibah church we received a club of subscriptions containing one-half their active families. There were 27 names on this list and was sent in by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Speights.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has received a New Year's message from Baptists in Soviet Russia promising to join fellow-Baptists throughout the world in a day of prayer on February 7. The message was signed by representatives of the All-Russian Evangelical Christian and Baptist Alliance. The continental committee of the Baptist Union has suggested that collections on the day of prayer go to the fund organized by Mrs. Churchill, wife of the British prime minister, to send medical aid to Russia through the Red Cross.

Mrs. V. Lavell Seats, one of Southern Baptists' consecrated missionaries in Igede, West Africa, sends the following account of the gospel's progress in one section of Nigeria: "A week ago Sunday we went to Ikogosi where we have a good church and pastor. There were sixty new converts there waiting for baptism. I examined seventeen women, and Lavell and the pastor the others. All of the candidates were young people between eighteen and twenty-five years. We enjoy working with them and they all seemed to understand and believe. After lunch they all went singing down to the river for baptism. They looked very nice in their white clothes. That makes seventy-eight altogether that have accepted Christ this year."

Indianapolis—A resolution urging the Office of Price Administration to amend gasoline rationing regulations "in accord with the need and practices of Protestant ministers" was adopted at the annual convention of the Indiana State Pastors' Conference. The resolution called attention particularly to the definition of "social calls," which has been interpreted, it said, to include calls that are definitely not social but religious. Attention was called also to the regulation refusing to permit gasoline to superintendents, denominational secretaries and others in the same classification.

The Swedish Baptists in America have sent 79 missionaries to the foreign field. In proportion to their membership Swedish Baptists lead the Baptists of the world in the number of their foreign missionaries.—Baptist Leader.

New York: In a broadcast to Greece recorded here, the Russian Tiflis radio laid special emphasis on freedom of religion and conscience in the Soviet Union. The announcer stressed the patriotism of the Russian clergy and the contributions of Christians to the war effort.

Cincinnati: In a resolution based on recent dispatches from Washington, concerning the possible establishment of a national lottery, Greater Cincinnati Baptist ministers voiced vigorous protest against such action, saying in part: "Establishment of such a lottery by the federal government," the resolution stated, "would make the government the operator of the most gigantic gambling establishment in the United States. We do not believe that the rank and file of our stable American citizenship would approve of such a radical and harmful venture on the part of our government."

The following sentences are remembered from Captain Rickenbacker's address, broadcast from the "comfort" of his own home: "Johnny Bartek in my rubber raft had an army issue Bible in his pocket, and the second day out we organized prayer meetings in the evenings and mornings. We took turns about reading passages. We prayed for our deliverance. . . . After the oranges were gone and terrible pangs of hunger gripped us, we also prayed for food. Seven men are my witnesses that within an hour after the prayer meeting when we first prayed for food, a sea gull flew in from nowhere and landed on my head. I caught him, wrung his neck, used his innards for fishing bait and divided the remainder, equally around. No part was wasted. We ate head, body, and bones—all were delicious."

The Evangelistic Crusade meeting begins at Stonewall Baptist Church on February 14 and will continue through the following week. Rev. W. L. Winstead of New Augusta will do the preaching.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

I

The following associations will participate in the Soul Winning Crusade next week: Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Lincoln, Simpson, Union and Liberty.

Mississippi Baptists! Be much in prayer during these days.

II

The Soul Winning Crusade has made a good start. Sixty saved in one series, eighty in another, fifteen in another, forty-one in another, sixteen in another, etc. Two walked the aisles at Petal the first day. Thirty-five lost asked for prayer the second day.

A real sinner saved nearby—divorced from his wife said, "I am going to father-in-law and ask his forgiveness for wrong done. I am to blame; my wife was a good Christian woman." When one assumes the blame for wrong, it is a work of grace, as a rule.

Mississippi Baptists! Make it true! "They . . . went everywhere preaching the word." Doxology!

III

Pastor John W. Cook, Pontotoc, writes: "The time is ripe for a great ingathering of souls and we want to have our part in the effort. We will, on account of local conditions, have our meeting a little later."

Dr. William Potter, pastor, McLain, writes they had a grand revival—41 persons accepted Christ as Saviour.

Pastor L. E. Green, Pascagoula, sends in the wonderful report of fifty additions during their revival.

Pastor O. P. Estes, Picayune, sends in final report of his revival, January 25-February 4 as follows: 52 by baptism to the church; 57 by letter; 1 by statement, and 170 reconsecrations. Rev. G. Kearnie Keegan, evangelist, was the preacher, and Ira C. Prosser led the singing.

From Runnellstown Pastor Q. C. Barrett sends a fine report: Nineteen professions of faith, four joined by baptism. He states the church as a whole is greatly revived. They had large crowds each service regardless of cold, wet weather. Rev. M. E. Perry did the preaching.

Brother T. R. Coulter, Richton, gives a fine report of the meetings in his churches. He says "better interest experienced than in summer time meetings." At Brewer, twelve for baptism, Brother J. T. Carter, preacher. A real revival.

At Richton, thirteen for baptism, census taken; soul winning band; Rev. B. W. Walker did the preaching.

At Prospect, ten for baptism, two by letter; religious revival. Luther Holcomb, Louisiana, the preacher.

"Baptized 27 Sunday at Richton. Water was cold but no one turned back."

Rev. G. C. Hodge, First church Biloxi, states they had a fine revival. Eleven additions to the church, seven for baptism and four by letter. Brother Metts did the preaching.

Petal revival closed Friday night with eight professions, and additions by letter, six asking for church membership. Brother A. C. Parker and his folks were enthusiastic for the Crusade.

IV

En route to services we stopped by to see Pastor Reese Rogers. What a testimony he gives:

"If a pastor preaches and teaches the Gospel, stewardship, missions, etc., the fruit will come. The hardest thing in fashioning the budget was to get them to keep my salary down to proper proportions. Salem never baptized but once a year until we put on a real mission program and now we baptize all through the year."

His boy, somewhere in the Pacific, had sent \$25 to the Lottie Moon offering. He is a tither!

The last night of the meeting in Lamar county two young people came with tears in eyes, lips

quivering, saying, "Pray that we may have a Sunday school and Training Union here."

More need for a great State Mission Program.

V

The following men complete work this year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: James Nolan Brister, Bogue Chitto; Andrew M. Coltharp, Myrtle; Tom M. Dunlap, Jr., RFD No. 2, Okolona; John W. Landrum, Clinton; Ray Frank Robbins, Lucedale.

These are splendid brethren and some of our churches should bring them back home.

VI

For the first time in months our offerings dropped in January. We still received over \$51,500. We need to be watchful.

God our Father expects our support of His work to be constant and generous.

The Victory and income taxes have no relation to our tithes and offerings to His work.

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," said Jesus.

VII

Mr. Walter Perry, Philadelphia, sends the largest State Mission offering that we have seen from an individual, or from a church. He and his family members are fine folks! Doxology!

VIII

Our Christian boys seeing service in India and other such countries are coming home with a renewed appreciation of what Christ and the church mean.

One writes from India, "They certainly need some more missionaries over here."

These boys will see the depths to which a people are brought when given to idolatry, sin, superstition, etc.

"Sin is a reproach to any people."

IX

A fine Christian school teacher in South Mississippi was telling some children, from a remote rural section, the Christmas story about Jesus.

They said they had not heard that story until then.

We have been going all over Mississippi telling our people that some Mississippians had not been told about Jesus. We KNOW that to be true!

Spiritual tragedies are enacted daily within our own state.

Only a continued and growing State Mission (Judean) program will bring Jesus to the attention of ALL the people.

"Go tell the story now."

"How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.

X

We were quite amused the other day. We were with one of our finest spirited pastors. He said, "You know a little independent 'anti' church paper has started coming to me. Do you know anything about it?" We replied, "No, I do not." He continued, "Well, sir, that fellow putting that paper out wants to be the head of something worse than any man I know anything about."

We laughed and went on without asking what paper it was. What did it matter?

We have had several chuckles along the way, as we recalled the remark, "that fellow wants to be the head of something worse than anybody we know."

Strange world, isn't it? Plenty of variety! Eh? Several years ago we saw the great Aquarium at San Francisco. It seemed to contain every kind of fish in all the world from the sea horse to the electric eel.

Types of people are just as numerous and funny!

XI

We list Mississippi ministers who have entered the chaplaincy. Almost every day we have a reference about some pastor who is answering the call to the service:

Robert L. Allen, Harry A. Borah, Willis A. Brown, James A. Bryant, Emmett M. Carpenter, William L. Clark, H. H. Crisman, Eugene M. Cross, Ira D. Eavenson, Arthur T. Engell, W. M. Ferguson, P. F. Herring, William A. Hewitt, A. B. Hill, Otis Jones, Lonnie W. Knight, James F. McCreary, Tildon S. McGee, A. L. McKnight, H. F. Ott, C. O. Pate, A. B. Polsgrove, James C. Richard-

son, N. B. Saucier, C. A. Savell, Olyn S. Sims, Paul M. Stevens, Nathaniel H. Tracy, C. A. Webb, Caloway O. White, Bennie T. Beckham, Francis J. Chastain, Lee M. McGowen.

Onward Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go!

Onward Christian soldiers! Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus, going on before.

XII

"Around the Cross," a volume of sermons by Dr. R. C. Campbell, is just off the press. Some of the titles are "The Arena of Victory," "The Hiss of a Kiss," "In the Light of the Fires," "The Compulsion of a Great Compassion," etc.

This makes a splendid Evangelistic series, deeply devotional in nature. Price \$1.25.

XIII

Does the Bible have anything to say about one man winning and retaining world dominion?

It certainly does!

History has a message for us along this line, also. Through the pages of history we have marched with Charlemagne in the fashioning of a great empire. But, where is Charlemagne today, and where is his empire?

It is said, at his death, they made a royal sepulchre for his body. They put the throne chair in this chamber of death and placed his body in sitting position therein. They placed the bejewelled crown upon his head, the signet ring upon his finger, the sceptre in his hand, purple robes of royalty about the body, and the scroll—the word of God upon his lap. Stepping out they sealed the door.

Centuries later this "house of death" was opened. What did they find? The robes of royalty with the flesh of the body lay in dust upon the floor. The crown had slipped down over the skull and was resting on bony shoulders, the signet ring had dropped from the fleshless finger and lay tarnished upon the floor, the royal sceptre had dropped from the hand clasp and was rotting away, the hand that held it had dropped to the lap of the skeleton, and an index finger was pointing to a scripture, as the binding to the scroll had decayed, and the Word of God unrolled. The Scripture was: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Charlemagne, once mighty emperor, had gone the way of all flesh!

Oh, yes, we have marched through the pages of history with Alexander the Great, as he came upon the stage about 300 B. C. He conquered India, a thing the enemies of mankind have been unable to do today. He fought his way to the back wall of life and cried out with a disappointed soul for more worlds to conquer. Where is Alexander today, and where is his empire?

We have walked the pages of history with Napoleon until Moscow lay in ashes under his feet. High up in the wall of a morgue in Cairo, Egypt, we have seen a rusting cannon ball, said to have been belched from the mouth of a cannon in the hands of Napoleon's army. As we passed through Syria we recalled that his army had gone that way. Mighty conqueror he was!

Where is Napoleon today, and where is his empire?

No man ever will win and retain world dominion according to the word of God.

We look beyond a Mussolini—the "strut" of the age—we look beyond a Hitler—we look beyond a Hirohito. Some brethren major on the anti-Christ. That is their privilege as they desire. He is a part of prophecy. We look beyond him to the Christ of our God. For Him alone is reserved the right of winning and retaining world dominion. Of Him the word says: "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee. For the Kingdom is the Lord's; and He is the governor of the nations," Psalm 22:27-28. You and I may

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SHOULD MEET

Recently we received a letter from Dr. Chas. W. Daniel, president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, asking our opinion concerning the question of cancelling the Southern Baptist Convention, which is scheduled to meet in Memphis on May 12.

We immediately wrote expressing our opinion that this great and important meeting should not be annulled. The question was also discussed at the recent meeting of Southern Baptist editors, which convened in New Orleans.

There are arguments on both sides, but we feel that the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention should be held.

Those favoring cancellation of the meeting base their argument on the following facts: 1. Director of Defense Transportation Joseph B. Eastman has urged that all meetings not helpful to the war effort should be called off. 2. Hotel and housing facilities are overcrowded. 3. Trains and buses are overtaxed. 4. The Northern Baptist Convention has been cancelled.

Director Eastman only asks that conventions not helpful to the war effort be abolished. Hence, his request does not apply to the Southern Baptist Convention. For, back of every battle, every war, in fact every effort, is morale. The Germans still claim that in World War I their armies were not crushed, but that the morale of the homefolks was. No army will march far nor fight well unless backed by a high morale at home.

In the dark and dreadful hours when our sons are being snatched from their homes, and when we learn daily of the death of loved one, or some neighbor's loved one, we need morale, and lots of it. We need the very kind of spiritual tonic that the Southern Baptist Convention can give.

Many of us today are hiding heavy hearts under forced smiles, and though outwardly our faces have a happy look, inwardly we cry and crave for a look at some loved one we may never see.

There is always an upsurge of effort among Southern Baptists following our Convention. Surely those who attend and hear the heart-warming facts by our missionaries, our leaders and workers will be drawn closer to God.

As these messengers go back to the various communities, the enthusiasm and morale that was aroused in them at Memphis will spread out to other places and other people. The Southern Baptist Convention should meet, for it will help morale.

It is true that hotels are doing more business than ever before. At San Antonio last year we heard of none who slept in the streets. And we

don't think Memphis is any more crowded with service men than San Antonio. The thousands of good Memphis Baptists will find rooms for those who go. There will be a place for all. All who desire hotel rooms may not be able to secure them, but all the good beds in Memphis are not in hotels. And the least luxurious bed of today is as good or better than many Southern Baptists had years ago.

Atlanta took care of the Baptist World Alliance. They didn't have hotel rooms for all, but they had a place to sleep. The Arkansas Convention faced the same conditions when meeting in Little Rock. But the Little Rock saints got busy and not only found plenty of homes, but had five hundred disappointed people because no messengers were assigned to them.

It is true that trains and buses have more passengers now than ever before. They are no more crowded now than last year. The people got to San Antonio. Everybody didn't get a lower berth on a Pullman, but they got there.

Some claim that the crowd will be too large. On the contrary, it will probably be smaller. Less satisfactory travel conditions will cause many to stay away. Visitors will be less likely to attend for the same reason. It will be more difficult for many to get away from their work. The chances are that the Convention will be representative, but not as large as in recent years.

It is true that the Northern Baptist Convention has been postponed, but the Northern Baptist Convention covers much more territory than does the Southern Convention. And the nature and programs of the two Conventions are not alike. We do not know about our Northern brethren, but we Southern Baptists need our Convention.

Let's go forward with plans for holding the Convention with the knowledge that we may have some travel discomforts, and that we may not be able to get desirable hotel accommodations or that we may be lucky even to get a room in the outskirts of town, but a few days of such mild discomforts may help us to sympathize more sincerely with the boys in the fox holes of Guadalcanal!

When the battle is hard is when the best generals do not retreat but strengthen the lines.

MISSISSIPPI LOSES A GOOD MAN, CALIFORNIA GAINS A GOOD MAN

On another page is an article by State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams concerning the resignation of John Farmer as associate Sunday school secretary. He has resigned this position in order to become Sunday school and Training Union secretary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

So far as we know, every Mississippian that has known Brother Farmer regrets his going and yet rejoices at his promotion. He has been a tireless worker. He has promoted all the Mississippi Baptist program. He is not a one-gaited worker. He did not get in a rut on one subject and stay there. Primarily his work was in the Sunday school field, but if the church needed a Training Union, a pastor, a W. M. U., a budget, a revival or the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record, he made it his business to promote them.

He was as tireless as perpetual motion, as friendly as a candidate, as tender as a tear and as modest as a maid.

Speaking for The Baptist Record as well as for all the work of Mississippi Baptists, he is going to be missed. He has been helpful to every cause and every person connected with Mississippi Baptist affairs.

Of course, we all hope and pray that he will abundantly succeed in his new field, but we don't have to do much hoping, we just know he will. For he is an energetic, conscientious, consecrated, tireless, blood-bought sinner, saved by grace.

BAPTIST EDITORS MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

The annual mid-winter meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association met in New Orleans on February 3-4. The association was entertained jointly by The Baptist Messenger, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Southern Baptist Hospital. The sessions were held in the Jung Hotel, and on Wednesday evening the editors were guests of The Messenger, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Hospital at a banquet. Editor F. W. Tinnin, of Louisiana, presided.

It was the most largely attended meeting for several years. It was also one of the most profitable. One new editor was initiated. He was Dr. L. L. Carpenter, of the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina. Rev. C. E. Bryant was presented and introduced by Editor L. A. Myers of Arkansas, as his newly elected associate.

New Orleans is advertised as America's most interesting city, and because of previous visits, we join in that statement, but from the time of our arrival at the Jung Hotel until we hurriedly caught a taxi to avoid missing the train our view of New Orleans was from the hotel building. The program was so interesting, the fellowship so fine that we feared to be absent from a single session.

—BR—

OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

Truer words were never written than are contained in this statement from The Christian-Evangelist: "The ineffectiveness of resolutions passed by nearly every major denomination in America lies in the fact that they are not backed by a sufficient number of church people at the polls." The trouble with most of us is that we are first Republicans or Democrats and secondly Christians. Until Christians have the courage to vote their convictions, irrespective of party political affiliations, the politicians will continue to rule our country.—Watchman-Examiner.

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Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

Read Your Bible and Take The Baptist Record

The Baptist Record in any church budget will benefit:

THE CHURCH MEMBERS: They will know the latest Baptist news—state, southwide and worldwide, and they will know it while it is yet news. They will be intelligent Baptists. Because they are adequately informed, they will be more effective.

THE PASTOR: Lack of information is the principal cause in most instances of failure to respond to local and worldwide needs of the Kingdom. Information impels action and induces cooperation. The burden of the pastor is lightened when his people are acquainted with his problems, and as a result are sympathetic with them.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Brother McCall says, "Mississippi Baptists are on the march." That is gospel; that is good news. Every Baptist should keep abreast of denominational progress. Good news inspires to further effort.

FRANK E. SKILTON.

—BR—

West End church of West Point, Rev. Berton McGee, pastor, had a large crowd to witness their patriotic service on January 31. The service was in honor of the boys from their community who are in the armed services. A World War veteran, D. M. Boothe, teacher of the Adult Bible class, delivered the patriotic address. Special guests for the service were the parents and wives of the boys in service. Pastor McGee spoke on "The Master's Call." Fifty people came forward rededicating themselves at the close of the address. A special offering for Baptist camp work was taken, amounting to more than \$7.00.

PICAYUNE, MISSISSIPPI, REVIVAL

Picayune, Mississippi, is a small town of nearly six thousand. We have six white Baptist churches, one strong Methodist church, and a large group of negro churches. All of these, save one white Baptist church and a few negro churches, joined our Soul Winning Crusade. Rev. J. H. Morrow, of the Methodist church, was of great value and his church had a soul stirring revival. Dr. Hunt of Hattiesburg and Rev. Frank Dement of McComb assisted him. Dr. R. H. Whittington of New Orleans preached at the Goodyear church. Elder Thomas at Mt. Calvary, Elder Allen at Bethlehem, Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan of Longview, Texas, and Mr. Ira Prosser, recently elected Brotherhood secretary of Louisiana, directed the music in the First Baptist. Each church arranged the program for that church. We had three mass meetings Sunday afternoon, January 31, two for the negroes, arranged by themselves, and one for the white churches. These were great hours. Kearnie Keegan spoke for the white people, and challenged the throng which came. A freewill offering of \$195 for the Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children was taken. Sixty-nine people walked the aisles for God and church membership in the two services of the First Baptist that Sunday, which was Dr. Keegan's birthday. The church presented him with a beautiful Bible and the sixty-nine names in it, thirty-four for baptism, thirty-four by letter and one by statement. There were 524 in Sunday school; 137 above any record of recent years; 35 above the B. T. U. goal; doubled Brotherhood attendance. Mayor L. O. Crosby and his son, R. H. Crosby, who were present, offered to match dollar for dollar unlimited, to build the much-needed educational annex to our church. Mr. J. B. Calvin made a \$100 gift to the Ellen Estes Memorial, at Louisiana College. This church and perhaps few others ever experienced such an hour. There were like services in the other churches. The closing service Wednesday night, February 3, witnessed the last of 110 additions to the First church; 57 by letter, one by statement, and 52 for baptism, including a number of adults, one of whom is our high school Coach Holden.

The last early morning service at 5:30, yet dark, saw every seat in the large choir taken and on toward 300 people present. Surely the Lord was with us, both in directing us to Mr. Prosser who was with us some two years ago, and to Bro. Keegan, known and loved by Baptists of the world. We thank our good Secretary Scotchie McCall, and his committee, for launching this Crusade, and especially for assigning us January and a part of February. We had rain, cold and warm weather, enough to test us and to prove again that externals will not prevent internal blessings. Without a doubt, our greatest boost was a proclamation by Mayor L. O. Crosby and the publicity given by the industries and business houses of the city. One-half page one week and one entire page the second week were furnished by them in the Picayune Item, our local paper which cooperated 100%, both in its editorial section and publicity pages.

All of us are quick to lay the credit for every blessing at the feet of Him who came to seek and to save the lost, and to crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords.

Sincerely,

O. P. ESTES, Pastor,
First Baptist Church,
Picayune, Mississippi.

—BR—
MORE GOOD NEWS
J. E. Dillard

1. Another \$100,000 has been paid or is in hand to pay on the old Southwide debt, reducing it to \$995,000 (February 1).

2. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club had the best month since it started nearly ten years ago. The receipts for January were 62% larger than for the same month last year.

3. Reports coming in indicate that pastors, churches, Sunday schools, Training Unions, W. M. U. organizations, and Brotherhoods are taking the task seriously. It is greatly hoped that every loyal Baptist will either join the Hundred Thousand Club

NOW THAT IT CAN BE TOLD

I wish to include in these records of men who have served our Lord in Mississippi something about Rev. R. A. Cohron. This I do at the suggestion of a friend and at the prompting of my own heart for grateful memories of him.

When I went to the First church in Vicksburg to be pastor, I found he had recently resigned on account of ill health, and was still making his home in Vicksburg, with his wife and an only child, a daughter. For some while he was a very sick man, undergoing a serious operation, which nearly cost him his life. It took him a long time to recover, but in all his illness, he constantly showed me, his successor, unfailing kindness. He did everything possible to hold up the hands of a very young and inexperienced pastor. A retiring pastor who remains on the field is sometimes thought of as a serious liability. Not so with him, for he and his family were as considerate of me as ever it was possible to be.

The people in the church still loved him and others in the city greatly esteemed him. We lived in his home and had ample opportunity to know. This kindness made possible my ministry then and later. His was a noble soul, and his wife was a woman of rare intelligence and culture. While he was sick she successfully conducted a school and was the pianist for the church.

He had been a student at the University of Mississippi, and had served as a soldier in the Confederate army. Some of the finest men I have ever known, and the most useful in our church and denominational life, have been ex-Confederate soldiers. A book could well be written about them. They got a discipline which is seldom found anywhere else, and many of them were veteran Christians when they were young men.

Brother Cohron studied and practiced law for some years, but the Lord led him into the ministry. His experience as a lawyer was exceedingly valuable to him, and he was always a friend and companion of lawyers, and was in turn admired by them.

Brother H. D. White, about whom something has been said already, was a close friend of his. They were quite unlike in their ways. Brother White was meticulous in speech and dress, courtly in his manner, precise in all his conduct. He wore the conventional frock coat and a "stove pipe hat." Brother Cohron used the language of the man in the street, was not fastidious in his manner or dress. He chewed tobacco and seemed to enjoy it immensely.

He was sincere and unaffected. He had a head full of common sense and made constant use of it. He was not oratorical in his manner, nor pretentious of learning. He was a man of the people. There seemed no impropriety in his putting his feet upon the desk. He was at home everywhere, and everywhere he was a minister of Christ.

He had a store of good humor which showed in the twinkle of his eye, and even in practical jokes. At one time while riding horseback to some meeting, in company with his friend, Brother White, he whiled away the time by rapping Brother White's horse under the flank with his whip. His friend did not know what had happened to his horse when he lunged forward, but soon checked him and they rode on together. Again Brother Cohron surreptitiously rapped the horse and he made a break to run. This time Brother White concluded to examine the horse, demounted, took off the saddle and blanket and looked for cockle burrs, but found none. Still puzzled, he got on the horse and tried it again. The next time he caught his friend in his mischievous act, and the fun stopped.

—P. I. Lipsey.

—BR—
In the past few Sundays there have been fourteen additions to Immanuel church, Hattiesburg. Rev. J. Earl Bryant came from North Carolina to the pastorate of this good church.

or make a liberal cash contribution or both on Debtless Denomination Day, February 14, or nearest convenient Sunday. We can, we ought, we must be

DEBT-FREE IN '43—COUNT ON ME

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I

Some have asked, "Why the change from two evangelists, and two Now Club men to the six enlistment pastors?"

That is a good question and deserves an answer. First, we needed more men in the field. We have 150 churchless areas in Mississippi; we have many pastorless churches; we have 700,000 lost persons in the state. We were doing little for the Negroes, the Indians, the Chinese. We needed more men in the field to help pastors and churches.

Second, after three years and one month of Now Club effort we had retired only \$258,000 of our bonds, leaving \$234,000 outstanding. Progress but not Victory. We needed more men in the field.

Third, two men in North Mississippi, and two men in South Mississippi were covering the same territory thus doubling expenses.

We needed more men, each assigned to a smaller territory. The rationing program also demanded smaller territory for each.

We have felt all along each man should strike out alone in his own territory. Two of the men preferred to work together much of the time and so we allowed it. We candidly believe we would be at least \$50,000 further along in debt payment if each man had worked his own territory.

From here on each man, after the Crusade, will stay primarily in his assigned district.

We have great hopes of this plan in promoting evangelism, enlistment, schools of missions, Bible study, Now Club, Baptist Record, etc. They will work with all races.

II

Until the first of this month, as a rule, we have credited the Now Club men with all certificates denoting pledges coming from their respective districts. However, from here on we shall credit such to the person or church sending, or bringing it in.

We need \$150,000 more NOW CLUB PLEDGES to make for complete VICTORY!

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SHOULD WE CANCEL THE MEMPHIS
MEETING OF THE S. B. C.?

The Need

In all our history we need our meeting, this history-making and tragic year. We need it to build morale, to broaden our vision, to strengthen our faith, to enlarge our program and to challenge and inspire our people.

The Plan

Limit attendance to 3000. Give Memphis 200 messengers. Give the nearby states 200 each. This would perhaps include Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri. Then give the more distant states 100 messengers each. This group would include Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Or give some states advantage for denominational emphasis. These would be Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. Other states could yield some. The Executive Committee could arrange this. The various state boards could choose their state delegation.

The Strain on Transportation

This would be negligible and inconsiderable. These 3000 people would go and return in a period of about seven days. And during every week nowadays the government moves 3000 or more service men from one state to another section. The buses and railroads move many times that number through St. Louis daily. The cost is so small. The meeting is so important. On to Memphis!—A. P. Hamrick, in Word and Way.

—BR—

We received a nice list of subscriptions from Brooksville, with a promise of more to come later. These were sent in by Mrs. A. G. Wilkins.

Mrs. D. E. Lankford of State Line recently sent us 12 subscriptions. Each list received puts us that much nearer our goal.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. John King, Clinton, Miss.

President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.
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Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.

Stewardship—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

Week of Prayer for Home Missions—March 1-5

Perhaps your church may be engaged in the Evangelistic Crusade during that week. If so, I do not know of anything that will be more helpful to your pastor in the week's revival than for the women to be observing a Season of Prayer.

Do you remember the thrill that was yours when you learned the name of the 'sender' of your first Valentine? Why did it give you such a thrill? Because you had been told that a Valentine was an expression of love.

What a visible expression of love Southern Baptists would give to the world if they would follow the suggestions given in the article below.

Southern Baptist Valentine Day

It being Valentine's season, the alert leader of the Sunbeam Band was using in decorations and program that season's usual motif—hearts. "What are we supposed to do on Valentine Day?" asked the leader. Half a dozen little tots responded: "Tell folks how much we love 'em!" Heart-shaped Valentines were distributed, each bearing a Scripture verse telling of God's love for them. Suddenly a little four-year-old piped up: "Could we send God a Valentine?"—spontaneous response of an innocent heart to God's love.

Southern Baptists are asked to observe Valentine Day this year in an unusual way. Quoting from Dr. Dillard:

"The first denominational object in the new year is the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and February fourteenth is designated Debtless Denomination Day. You will recall that the 1942 Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution calling upon all our churches and agencies to major upon getting out of debt in 1943. Often during the last months of 1942 the hope was expressed that before the New Year the denominational debt would be reduced to \$1,200,000. If we can get 100,000 debt-paying club members, we will be out of debt by the end of the year. Grant it, O Lord!"

So Dr. Dillard suggests this slogan:

"Debt-free in '43—Count on Me!"

Whether or not Southern Baptists are "debt-free in '43" is not a matter of "can" or "could." Everyone familiar with the facts and figures knows that Southern Baptists could, if they would, pay this debt in full in February. The amount that will be paid in '43 depends on the number of "me's" on whom the Lord can count. Will you be among that number?

Here are some things you can do:

1. Celebrate Valentine Day in your family by:

- (1) Increasing the amount you are giving, even if it means real sacrifice.
- (2) Getting your husband to sign the pledge.
- (3) Putting a little bank on your dining table and having your children drop in three pennies each week day and four on Sunday—thus paying their dollar per month.

2. Take it upon yourself to see that to your W. M. S. and young people's organizations this matter is enthusiastically presented. Capitalize on the Valentine idea. Distribute heart-shaped cards bearing on one side John 3:16 (or I John 4:10 or 19; or last clause of Gal. 2:20); on other side, the words:

"I so love Him that I pledge _____ to help clear the debts of His Kingdom causes."

3. Talk with your pastor and offer to help him make February 14th count for a debtless denomination. Perhaps he would like to use the heart-shaped cards (described above) in the church service.

4. Follow up the effort made in your society and church by persistent, earnest appeals to individuals.

No, we cannot "send God a Valentine" such as the little Sunbeam had in mind. However, we can give to the Lover of our souls a special love proof—

not mere words but deeds, the only proof that counts with Him.—Mrs. Carter Wright, in Royal Service.

Title: Home Missions In the New World.

Author: J. B. Lawrence.

Publisher: Home Mission Board.

Pages—128. Price—40 cents. Paper cover.

If there ever was a time when Christians needed to give themselves wholly to Christ, that time is now. The world is aflame with hatred. Pillage and plunder, rapine and murder stalk across the continents. In the midst of this dark hour a bewildered world, with fear in its heart and darkness in its mind, cries out, "Is there no hope?"

We should face this question and try to answer it with a frankness and simplicity which will leave no doubt in any mind. Christ, and Christ alone, is the answer. The gospel speaks its timeless message to the world's eternal hunger.

Out of the present colossal cataclysm will emerge a new world. This new world will be a challenging world. It will be an exacting world. It will test our Christian integrity and try our wisdom. This book is offered as a stimulant to our thinking and a guide to our planning.

Now that the Board's debts are to be fully paid this year, Dr. Lawrence's new book is a timely and encouraging suggestion that the agency will be able to meet the new conditions of the day aggressively and with great vigor.

Chapter titles are suggestive of the content of the volume. They are: "The World We Face," "The Background For Our Task," "Mobilizing For a New World Order," "Rethinking Home Missions" and "Traveling Toward Tomorrow."

This volume is on sale at Baptist Book Stores at forty cents.

YOUR HELP IN PUSHING THE SALE OF THIS BOOK WILL BE A KINGDOM SERVICE.

This was such a splendid report of the work done by the young people's organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bay Springs Baptist church. Congratulations to Mrs. W. K. Denson, young people's director, and her counselors and to the interested Missionary Society.

Average enrollment	58
Average attendance	41
Number new members during year	15
Number tithers	25
Number World Comrade subscriptions	32
Number Window of Y. W. A.	8

Record of Gifts (special):

Spent for Personal Service work	\$ 17.95
March Week of Prayer offering	26.46
State Mission Season of Prayer offering	31.15
Christmas offering for Foreign Missions	34.50
Hundred Thousand Club	5.70
Chinese Relief	1.00

\$116.76

Attendance at Camps:

- Four Junior girls.
- Five Intermediate R. A's.
- Five Junior R. A's.
- Six Intermediate G. A's.
- Four Y. W. A's.

(\$44.00 given to this fund to help those who could not have gone.)

Personal Service Work done:

- Mowed church lawn (R. A's.).
- Made scrapbooks for Sunbeam babies.
- Invited people to attend revival.
- Sent box to soldiers.
- Clothes to needy school children.
- Cards, fruit, flowers and magazines to sick.
- Distributed literature.
- Sent valentines and Christmas cards to shut-ins.

Other Activities:

- Five mission study classes.
- Fifty-five seals.
- Two reading cards, eight stamps.
- Five girls crowned queen.
- Focus Weeks observed.
- Enrolled two Sunbeam babies.
- Junior and Intermediate G. A's reached standard.

A SOLDIER CHOOSES "THE BEST INVESTMENT" FOR HIS TITHE

H. H. Hargrove, Waco, Texas

He sat across the desk from me, dressed in the uniform of a second lieutenant in the United States army. Brown as an Indian and lithe as a deer, he was every inch a soldier.

Nine months before he had been home from Texas A. and M., where he was a senior, for the Christmas holidays. He was present at a New Year's eve watch party in the church. A few minutes before the fateful year of 1942 was born he stood up in the testimony meeting and asked a question which has been heard all over the southland: "Why don't Baptists get ready to put on a great mission program after the war? There will be great need and great opportunity, and Baptists ought to be ready to do something about it."

The following February he was called into service from A. and M. Last fall as he sat in my study he told me that his outfit was to be "shipped over" and he had come home to tell his mother goodbye. Modestly, he also told me that he was to receive a promotion to the first lieutenantancy and be put in charge of his anti-aircraft unit.

As he looked at me with clear, searching eyes I asked if he remembered what he said at the New Year's party. He answered that he did and that he still thought Baptists ought to get ready for the great challenge after the war. I told him that the San Antonio convention pledged that Southern Baptists would make preparation for a post-war mission program and adopted, as the first step in the effort, a campaign to liquidate all southwide debts in 1943. Then his heart was laid bare and its crystal sincerity revealed in actions. He reached for a check-book on the desk and said: "That's the best investment I know for my tithe this month." The check was for \$17.50. Before he sailed for foreign service he wrote his mother to draw on his account for more money for this preparation program of Baptists. This second check was larger than the first and I am expecting that other checks will be received for this purpose as his letters make the hazardous journey back home.

That soldier is now somewhere in North Africa in the hell of war to save his country. But his heart is buried deeper in a passion to save the world after the war is over. And while we back that soldier in his war effort our hearts ought to be buried in that deeper passion for world redemption with his. Let us keep the faith with him in his zeal for the advancement of Christ's cause. He chose well the investment of his money. It will bear dividends forever. Every Southern Baptist ought to invest in this campaign to rid our agencies of the weight and waste of debt and free them or larger work.

We ought—we must—be "Debt Free in '43." Count on me, soldier lad! Count on me, Dr. Dillard! Count on me, fellow-Baptists! Count on me, poor, bleeding, broken, sinful humanity! Count on me, O! Christ, thou King Eternal!

Southern Baptists will "be ready to do something about it!"

According to an exchange—"The First Baptist Church of Kansas City claims the unique distinction of having the world's largest Bible class for women as well as the world's largest men's Bible class."

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects Service

JACKSON. "When the dark winged messenger stealthily approaches and makes the final call to the soul, the church stands beside the dying and whispers hope to the fainting spirit and breathes the assurance that he who is faithful unto death shall wear the Crown of Life." Moffitt Bible class roster, First Baptist Church.

Griffith Memorial dedicated its Service Flag recently in a very impressive service. The flag contained at the time of dedication, 127 blue stars and one gold star, representing individuals from the church roll. Members of the Jackson Army Air Base personnel participating in the service were Chaplain G. H. Rientjes, Corporal Theo. Hertel and Sgt. Harry Cunningham. A few extra copies of this program were secured and any church planning a like program may secure same by mailing your request to Baptist headquarters.

The National Legionnaire carries a cut of outdoor advertising by the Department of Indiana, using a twenty-four sheet poster with these appropriate words: "America's first line of defense, God and His church. Attend every Sunday. American Legion." The Bible: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1.

FLORA. A helpful discussion with Chaplains Stribbling, Mahew, Newman and Rientholzen of the Ordnance Unit Training School was held recently at the M. O. P. A. T. Whitten, supervisor, Jackson Defense Recreation Center; Henry Love, pastor's assistant of First Baptist Church, the writer of this column joined in this discussion.

Our aim is to serve God and country through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service. Thousands of the military personnel stationed in our state have been benefited and others will be if we are faithful. . . . AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS. Proverbs 3:6.

ACKERMAN WILL BE HEADQUARTERS OF
ENLISTMENT PASTOR E. D. ESTES

Many of you have already noticed in The Baptist Record, issue of January 21, that headquarters for my district is Ackerman, Mississippi. You will please send all of my mail to me at Ackerman, Mississippi.—E. D. Estes, Enlistment Pastor, Third District, Ackerman, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

not have vision to see it or faith to believe it but He is the governor of the nations.

Looking on ahead we read of that day when "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15.

"He shall reign forever and ever" is only spoken truly of the Christ. That right is reserved for Him!

Let us lift our eyes above men! Let us see our King! See Revelation 19.

All hail the power of Jesus' name:
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all!

So far as we have heard every church in the cities of Jackson, Meridian and Laurel are participating in the Soul Winning Crusade. Thus, we see leading cities lead.

ENLISTMENT PASTOR LEADS TWO GOOD MEETINGS

Leads One Church to Adopt EVERY FAMILY Plan

It is my happy privilege to report on two revivals coming under the program of our Statewide Evangelistic Crusade. The first was with the Old Corinth church, Pearl River Association, and the other with the Runnellstown Baptist Church, Perry County Association. Both of these meetings brought great joy to the preacher whether they did to others or not. Good results in each. At Old Corinth we had 23 professions of faith and 20 at Runnellstown. I was accorded the privilege of preaching to the school children at both places and the response was gratifying.

At Old Corinth I found that they were already participating in the EF Plan, also that they were fully cooperating in all of our Mission causes. Sunday school, B. T. U. and W. M. U. all were well organized and functioning regularly. Rev. O. P. Estes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Picayune, shepherds Old Corinth's flock also. It is a big job but he is a big preacher and how well he does the job can only be known by working with him during a revival.

Runnellstown, the hub and crossroads of Perry county, is being ably led by Brother L. Q. Barrett. Here one will also find a full-time program with half-time preaching. Every local organization is moving smoothly and the people "have a mind to work." They recently sent about \$40.00 to apply on their Now Club subscription and close to \$35.00 for missions. We turned into the Record office fifty-one names for The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan. The church is free of debt, pastor's salary is paid in full and some money in the treasury. The spiritual health of the church is excellent. This fine church was somewhat dormant for a long time but it is wide awake now and is destined to become one of the leading rural churches in Perry County Association.—M. E. Perry, District No. Six.

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PASTORAL PROBLEMS

"SPECIAL STUDY NOW"

Every church has for the size of its membership a large number of its young men in uniform. The families of these men carry a definite dread in their hearts. They fear the coming of a message that will tell them that their loved one is killed or missing in action.

In this fact each pastor has a very positive responsibility, obligation and opportunity. It has imposed upon us the duty of preparing to render a special ministry to this group. We each need to restudy the Book and to carefully develop the best technique we can for preparing our young men who are in uniform for whatever may befall them and to support the faith of their families who wait at home.

The majority of us, more than one, will be called upon to comfort the families of those who have lost their lives either in preparing for or in battle. It is most important that we pastors really have something to give our people in the time of their distress. We cannot give it by waiting until the blow falls. We need to prepare our own faith, interest and sympathy in advance.

This will be a hard ministry that we will be called upon to render. A large number of them, more than one hundred sixty, who are in uniform from our church I have known since their childhood. I have baptized a large percentage of them. In other ways they have grown into my heart. This is no time for a preacher to be without something to say. It is a time when we should seek through study, prayer and conversation with other preachers to find something that will really be of value to offer those who will need the help that we should be able to give them.

—BR—

FOR SALE: Large Grand piano. Phone 4-5746 on week days, or write Mississippi Moving Co., P. O. Box 983, Jackson, Miss.

Tithing Corner

TITHING

The best advertisement for any product or treatment is for some user to say, "I have tried it, and it works." Thousands of tithers bear witness that it works, that this is God's plan for His people and His work.

The first objection a non-tither will raise is "I owe the grocer and the landlord. Surely the Lord would not want me to default on my debts." No, the Lord does not want the grocer's money or the landlord's rent. But He does want His money, and the man or woman who honors God by obedience to His system of tithing will soon find that God will provide the money for the grocer and the landlord if He gets His first.

Many women say, "I do not handle our money. I can not tithe my husband's money." Granted. But the women do handle the chicken, butter and egg money. God wants that money tithed. They do handle the products that are used in the summer canning. God wants those products tithed just as if they were so much money, for they have value. The busy housewife can tithe her canned goods by setting aside one-tenth of these foods for the Orphanage, for the pastor (and how his food costs have increased in the last year!) or for the Missionary Society to use in ministering to the poor and needy.

The other day the county health nurse said, "Where do I go to put a needy case before the proper authorities? The father is hopelessly ill, the mother unable to work, and the children ragged and hungry." For such cases as these, the tithers should gladly set aside a "tithe" in clothes, linens and foods. Oh, truly, everyone who wants to do right by God can find a way to tithe their substance for Him.

Now that tires are rationed and travel is restricted, the car owner can tithe his mileage. Is there a convention, or an evangelistic meeting? Are there women who need to attend church but have no way to get there? Does the pastor need help in making his calls? Are there mercy errands to outlying districts? Happy is he who offers to tithe his car by helping in this ministry.

The age-old question of tithing talents is still vital. Who can talk persuasively? Let him use that gift in the Brotherhood, or the teacher's chair. Who can sing? Let them join their voices in the choir, and let them remember to go to the choir practice. It is such a little time to give in order that the services in the Lord's house might be worthy of His approval.

Let us not forget that to invest in God's plan for financing the work of the kingdom is like insurance, only better: it insures our present, our future and the future of God's people. It pays interest higher than any bond and compounds it oftener than any earthly bank; for God says, "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Years ago, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, wife of the president of Woman's College, was talking on this verse, and said, "Girls, no matter how hard you try, you can never outdo God. If you give Him the tithes and offerings, He will outdo you in returning you manifold blessings such as you can not find room to receive them."

Many thousands, walking and giving, in obedience to God say as an endorsement, "We have tried it and it works."

A. S. HESTER,
Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Membership at Collins.

—BR—

The Business Men's Bible class of the Charleston Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a class banquet Monday evening, January 25, with Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia delivering the principal address. The class is doing excellent work with Mr. Austin Neely as president and Pastor David Cranford as teacher.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Dr. Dodd Defines "Not Much of a Baptist"

Dr. M. E. Dodd, speaking of denominational journalism, says:



DR. M. E. DODD

"A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist; a non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist; a non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist; a non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."—Indiana Baptist.

Decatur Makes Forward Step, Says Pastor Hamlett

The Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church of Decatur has made such splendid progress in the

last few years that it is difficult to select the lines of progress which best characterize its remarkable growth. In 1939 the church reported to the association \$1,261.22 for current expenses, \$218.06 for missions, or a total of \$1,479.28. In 1942 the church reported to the association \$3,678.66 for current expenses, \$874.44 for missions, or a total of \$4,553.10. This total is more than three times as great as the total reported in 1939, and the total for missions is more than four times as large.

One of the most forward steps adopted by the church recently was the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. We are confident that the Record going into the homes of our members shall help us accomplish our aim of 1943—"To fully enlist every resident adult member."

We are making plans for a great revival, Feb. 28-March 7. Dr. L. E. Green of Pascagoula shall be our visiting evangelist. The revival is to be a Church-Loyalty-Stewardship Revival. In preparation for this meeting the members met each night Feb. 1-4 to study their Church Member's Handbook, which was presented to every resident church member as a joint Christmas gift from the pastor and the church.—C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor.

If at First You Don't Succeed . . .

Recently a good pastor sent us the EVERY FAMILY list for two of his churches and wrote as follows:

"It is unlikely that I shall be able to enlist all of my churches in time to be counted as 100% right away. However, I expect to keep hammering away at it. I am sure it can be done."

This good pastor has the right attitude. We can't always get our churches to do all the things we

want them to do as soon as we would wish, but those who keep on keeping on usually succeed.

Zion Hill Is In

Recently Brother R. R. Slack of Zion Hill church in Perry county sent us the EVERY FAMILY list from that good church. Rev. J. H. Cothen is pastor. Slowly but surely more churches are beginning to realize the value of having informed members. Surely if this rural church can have the EVERY FAMILY Plan others whose incomes are in the thousands could do likewise.

New Enlistment Pastor Jumps the Gun

In tract meets a man who starts before the gun is fired is said to have jumped the gun. Although the new district plan of work for the enlistment pastors didn't officially begin until February 1, Enlistment Pastor M. E. Perry couldn't wait, so the last week in January he explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan to the Runnellstown church, and as usual, they adopted it. A letter this morning from Brother Perry encloses the EVERY FAMILY list from Runnellstown, which includes fifty-one names. The money order for the first month was made out to F. F. Goodrich. That is evidently our very, very distant cousin who makes automobile tires, but Uncle Sam knows it was intended for The Baptist Record.

What Brother Perry did at Runnellstown could be done by many preachers as they lead in meetings in the Evangelistic Crusade, and how it would help The Baptist Record!

Thanks, Brother Perry!

We have concrete evidence that reading The Baptist Record does pay. You will recall that in a recent issue of the Record an appeal was made for the 100,000 Club. We do not know how many people made contributions because of that appeal. The article suggested that they give their contribution to the pastor or to the treasurer of the church, but one brother sent his contribution to The Baptist Record and paid for twelve months in advance. We are glad to pass this on to Brother McCall's office, from where it will be sent to the proper place.

Pays Way Says Pastor

Saying that his church voted unanimously to continue the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record a pastor writes:

"The paper is paying its own way. Our receipts have increased more than enough to pay for all the subscriptions coming into our church membership. Our church voted unanimously to continue the plan."

Of course they voted to continue it. A few churches have dropped it because of local conditions, but not ONE has ever discontinued the EVERY FAMILY Plan because of any dissatisfaction with the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Eden Joins the Lengthening List

Another church to join the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Eden church, Yazoo county, Rev. D. I. Young, pastor. For years they have been on the 50% plan, but are now yet higher up on the hog. But that is naturally to be expected where D. I. Young is the pastor. He and the Record go hand in hand. We shall be glad to have others imitate his example.

Yazoo county Record readers are now listed as follows: Anding 16; Benton 50; Bethlehem 29; Black Jack 46; Concord 25; Eden 22; Hebron 40; Ogden 26; Providence 18; Satartia 11; Yazoo City 159; Valley 1; Liverpool 1; Oak Grove 22.

Is it "seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" when a Christian goes to the picture show on Wednesday evening instead of attending prayer meeting?—A. B. Pierce.

General B. M. Montgomery, in charge of British troops in Africa, is a preacher's son. Both his father and grandfather were ardent temperance advocates, and he himself never drinks.

After a fruitful pastorate, H. L. Carter has resigned at Dickson to become pastor of the First church, Scottsville, Ky. Tennesseans regret for him to leave the state. (Bro. Carter was formerly pastor at Lyon.—Editor.)

IMPORTANT

Minutes of the following Associations in completing our 1942 files for the Convention Board offices are needed:

Grenada, Benton, Prentiss, Tate, Chickasaw, Lebanon, Calhoun, Itawamba, Carroll, Bolivar, Sunflower, Liberty, Attala, Jackson, Choctaw, Tishomingo, Kemper, Neshoba, Lauderdale, Leake, Winston, Clarke, Deer Creek, Leflore, Clay, Union, George, Scott, Lincoln, New Choctaw, Perry, Noxubee, Jeff Davis, Adams-Franklin, Gulf Coast.

As soon as you have the minutes of your association off the press, we will deeply appreciate one for the office files.

D. A. McCALL.

RECORD OF LARGEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS, 1942

Union Association Takes the Lead

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record in Sunday school enrollment in the South, enrolling 22,818 in Sunday school with only 22,368 church members. Other large associations which made good records in Sunday school enrollment were Greenville (South Carolina), Valley Association (Roanoke, Virginia), and Nashville Association (Tennessee).

On the most points, Baptist work in the great cities and centers of the Southland showed splendid gains in 1942.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY A Heart to Heart Talk

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profess.

St. Valentine's Day this year is also Debtless Denomination Day with Southern Baptists. Let's make it a day of devotion to our Lord and debt-lifting for our denomination. If you were in debt I think you would want to get out before indulging in any luxury or extravagance. I think our Lord wants us to pay the balance of that old Southwide debt so we can go forward with a world program.

We are trying to do it. We have set our hearts upon being out of debt this year. The W. M. U. organizations, the Sunday schools, Training Unions, the Brotherhoods are helping gloriously. Let's all have a part.

Some can make large gifts. Others can take a memorial membership (\$100). Many can take an individual membership in the Hundred Thousand Club (\$1.00 a month) and pay a year in advance. Where one cannot give even \$1.00 a month for this purpose one can join with others and together take a membership (\$1.00 a month). Everyone can make some cash contribution. Let's make it as large as we can to help our dear denomination get out of debt and stay out of debt. Let's do it on February 14, St. Valentine's Day, which is Debtless Denomination Day.

DEBT-FREE IN '43 — COUNT ON ME.

Wiggins: Spiritual interest is on the increase with our church and we are looking for great things from the Evangelistic Crusade. We began our revival Feb. 7th and will run through the 14th. Rev. B. S. Hilbun will be with us to do the preaching. We shall have both morning and evening services each day. Pray for us. Isn't it fine to have The Baptist Record going to so many of our people in these days. We sometimes feel like shouting over the good news it is now sending out to more than 30,000 Baptists. Surely from this number the glad tidings will spread far and wide. We are rejoicing with Bro. Estes and Picayune as they are on the mountain top with our Lord. May this experience be the lot of many more of us.—N. J. Lee, pastor.

A field composed of the churches at Goodman, West and Vaiden have adopted as a goal for 1943 \$4900.00 distributed as follows: Goodman \$2500.00, West \$1200.00, Vaiden \$1200.00. Each of these churches has the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—Madison Flowers.

FEBRUARY 14

This Day

February 14

St. Valentine's Day

Debtless Denomination Day

Baptist Hundred Thousand Club Day

Out Of Debt For A World Program

DEBT-FREE IN '43 - COUNT ON ME

FEBRUARY 14

This day will be a gloriously joytul or a sadly disappointing day in Southern Baptist History.

FEBRUARY 14

This day will largely determine the success or failure of our special effort to be Debt-Free in '43.

FEBRUARY 14

This day will help decide whether Southern Baptists shall be able to look the whole world in the face owing no man anything but love or whether they must continue to look in the faces of bondholders and note owners.

FEBRUARY 14

This day will say whether Southern Baptists can begin to get ready for a larger post-war world program or whether they must continue to wrestle with bonds and notes and interest payments.

FEBRUARY 14

This day will offer an opportunity for every loyal debt-hating, freedom-loving Baptist to show his colors by helping hasten the day of Victory and Debt-freedom.

Let your heart speak on this day, Valentine's Day - Debtless Denomination Day - February 14

FEBRUARY 14

This day will show the difference between those who share the denominational burdens and those who ride and let others pay the bill.

FEBRUARY 14

This day will enable every one to classify himself as a sacrificial giver, a liberal giver, a stingy giver, or no giver at all.

FEBRUARY 14

This day you can help determine the future of your denomination and help show a skeptical world how a spiritual democracy can function in a time of emergency.

FEBRUARY 14

This day - pastors, teachers, leaders, Sunday Schools, training unions, W.M.U. organizations, brotherhoods - boys, girls, everybody can help win a great victory for Christ and for Southern Baptists; or they can shun and shirk and side-step a great opportunity to be of lasting service to Christ and a lost world. Which shall it be? Who is on the Lord's side in this crucial hour?

Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
OXFORD, MISS. JACKSON, MISS.

Adams-Franklin Broadcasts Program

On Sunday afternoon January 31st four helpful meetings were held in Adams-Franklin Association by the Training Union department. These were group meetings arranged and presided over by the group director. Three of the meetings had their meetings early enough to adjourn at 3:30 when they would tune in on WMIS, broadcasting station in Natchez. The meeting held in Natchez began at 3:00 with a business session and brief talk by Secretary Aubert J. Wilds, and then at 3:30, through the courtesy of WMIS, an hour's program was broadcast. The other three meetings were to have a radio at the church in which they were meeting and so the entire association got the benefit of the Natchez program. Mr. T. J. Boyd, associational director, tireless in his efforts to give to the Baptist church members in his association the opportunity of spiritual growth as received in Training Union, had the program well advertised, and a helpful program was planned. The program opened with the Training Union song, Loyalty to Christ. Dr. Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church Natchez, from which the program was broadcast, had announcements and words of appreciation to express. Secretary Wilds spoke on the Progress and Challenge of the Baptist Training Union. Mr. Ed Fulton, director of First church Natchez, brought a message using as his subject "Our Trust is in the Living God." Rev. James Crumpton, pastor of Westside Natchez, spoke, using the subject, "Our Living Faith," and Rev. B. B. Hall of Woodville brought the sermon, using as his subject, "We Follow the Living Christ." This program, interspersed with music, was well received. Group directors in charge of meetings, C. E. Smith, Rev. Elton Barlow and Miss Era Duncan.

A-1 Unions For Last Quarter

For the quarter ending December 31 we had 32 A-1 Unions, five Junior, seven Intermediate, seven Young People's, thirteen Adults. We are glad to see our list growing. Following are the churches with their unions that were A-1: Beaumont, Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult. Philadelphia; Pastor's Partners (Junior), Intermediate No. 2, Adult No. 1 and 3. New Albany: Live Wire (Junior). Pilgrim's Rest, Panola county: Junior, Intermediate, Young People, Adult. Griffith Memorial, Jackson: Victory (Junior), Toppers and Leavell (Intermediate), Edgar Smith (Young People's), Ferrell, Kingdom Builders, Cotten, Lipscomb (Adult). Lorena, Smith county: Conqueror (Intermediate). Mountain Creek, Rankin county: Intermediate. Parkway, Jackson: Fidelity (Young People's). Clarksdale: Truett (Young People's), Dunn's Pathfinder (Young People's). Center Ridge, Yazoo county: Young People's. Northside Jackson: Adult. Prentiss: Adult. Carson:

Adult. Crystal Springs: No. 1 Adult; No. 2 Adult.

Lawrence County Fifth Sunday Meeting

The Lawrence County Associational Training Union held its meeting the afternoon of Sunday, January 31. The meeting was at Monticello. Four helpful messages by representatives of four churches, Oakvale, New Hope, New Hebron and Wanilla; special music by members of two churches, Calvary and Carmel, with a general song service and short business session made up the program. Mrs. H. B. Speights of Silver Creek is the associational director.

Alcorn Associational B. T. U. Officers Study Manual

Miss Louise Smith, director of the Alcorn Associational B. T. U. reports an interesting class in the Associational B. T. U. Manual. Ten copies of the Manual were ordered, and their first meeting registered twelve. At this meeting a map of the association was studied and the association divided into groups. Plans were made to have a general meeting the first Sunday in March. During February the study of the Manual will be continued and completed. Good work.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Cor. 10:31. We rejoice in our successes in Training Union work, giving God the glory, for to Him belongs the glory. It is His work and the work is done that the Kingdom of God may be advanced. Let this always be our motive.

January, February, March These Three Months

You noted that our calendar for these first three months of the new year list "STUDY COURSES IN SOUL WINNING." We are urging all unions to cooperate in this, part of the plan for the statewide Evangelistic Crusade, and thus develop in the members the spirit of soul winning. These Soul Winning books are written with the idea, also, of giving the members necessary instructions in this fine art. Pastors can do no finer work than teach and train his members in this necessary Christian activity. Directors will find this a challenge. The Train Union has for its AIM "Training in Church Membership" and certainly one of the first responsibilities of the church, hence church member, is to win the lost. Let's make these months count mightily in this special program.

New "Social" Department In Magazine

Did you observe the Magazine begins a new department this month? A Socials department. No better material for your monthly social can be found than in the Magazine. And a monthly social will stimulate your work as few things will do. That goes for the Adults also. Everybody

The Canadian government is attempting to cut the cat's tail off inch by inch. For the year beginning last November 1, the quantity of beer for sale in Canada is to be reduced 10% over the previous year, wine by 20%, and hard liquor by 30%. Well, that is at least a great deal better than we are doing here in the U. S. in dealing with the beverage question.—Watchman-Examiner.

Lena Baptist Church, Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor, recently held one of the best Baptist Training Union study course weeks in the history of the church. This was carefully planned and advertised several weeks before time. There were near seventy-five enrolled. The pastor had the happy privilege of giving out fifty-eight diplomas and seals on a Sunday evening service.

Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas said: "I do not know (neither do you) of a successful business institution in the United States that permits booze to be sold and consumed in its factories, and yet our government, engaged in a life and death struggle, permits it. It could cause us to lose the war. Dissipation and self-indulgence are forerunners of defeat."

likes to have a GOOD, good time.

Leaders Without Excuse

No leader of a union can say, or need say, "I need extra helps." The quarterlies, with the leader's quarterly, gives ample material, and add to that the wonderful suggestions coming each month in the Training Union Magazine gives any leader more good helps than they can possibly use. Study these.

Will BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE Appear In Your Will?

Less than six per cent of the people in the United States who own property have written wills. Your will has been made whether you yourself have written it or not. The government has definite laws regarding the distribution of the property.

"In writing your own will you become the author of a new law which enables you to project your life into the future for the benefit of other generations. Our government gives you that privilege and the courts of the land will sustain your law if properly written."

Don't be afraid of making a will. Only people who are alive can make wills. It is merely a matter of good judgment and common sense.

Make a will if you have not already done so, disposing of your possessions according to your own wishes and not leaving them to the state to distribute under its inflexible laws. Put something in for Blue Mountain College. Some may feel embarrassed because the amount they could leave might seem insignificant, but even a small sum would indicate your faith in the College and belief in its educational purpose. A sum for endowment will represent you at Blue Mountain in training women for Christian homemaking.

If it be God's will remember B. M. C. in your will. If your will is already made, add a codicil.

NINETY DAYS

In Mississippi a person having a spouse, child, or descendants of a child or children must write a will at least ninety days before death, and not more than one-third of the estate may be bequeathed to religious or charitable institutions.

A person not having a spouse or child, or descendants of a child or children may write a will at any time before death leaving all or such portion of the estate as the person may desire to religious or charitable institutions.

A person with residence and property outside of Mississippi will be governed by the mortmain statutes of the state of residence.

CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY.

PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA

We have come to the close of a happy and fruitful year's ministry in Prattville. It has been happy because it was fruitful. Even though we have had more handicaps than the average church, the conscious presence and blessing of our Lord has been our inspiration and joy.

All of our churches have yielded our young men to a large degree to the military program, but not many churches have had to carry on without a terribly large percentage of the older men, men with families and some of the women who have filled important positions in the past. With a large part of our men working seven days per week regularly at the Utility Trailer Works and the Continental Gin Shop, both plants producing vital war materials, our church services are largely composed of women, children and a precious few men. Yet, we have had in many respects a most successful year.

The baptismal waters have preached their message to us several times through the year. Our mission gifts have been the largest in the history of the church. The last Sunday before Christmas we made an offering through the Sunday school for the orphanage which amounted to \$319.00. You may know that the pastor and his family are deeply appreciative for the \$100.00 check the church gave them as a Christmas present.

Through the year the church has purchased \$4,100 worth of bonds to be used for building purposes at the appropriate time. We had a surplus in the current expense fund of \$1,200.00 during the year.

With a Union Vacation Bible School going on at the same time just across the street from us, we had a two weeks school in our church with an average attendance of 127.—Carey Cox, Pastor.



MISSISSIPPI CLUB AT SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

"MERCY AND TRUTH ARE MET TOGETHER; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE HAVE KISSED EACH OTHER"

The Bible sets forth God as infinite in wisdom, knowledge and power. "All things were created by Him." It also sets Him forth as infinite in truth, righteousness, judgment and justice. He created man in His own image, after His own likeness. He pronounced His blessing on the man and gave him commandments, what to do and what not to do. God also plainly told him what the penalty would be for a broken law: "The soul that sinneth it shall surely die."

The first man disobeyed God and went astray; and all his offspring inherited his nature and have sinned. The Bible tells us that there is none good, no not one, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Those that believe the Bible know that God is righteous and just and that we are sinners and condemned. This knowledge causes anxiety, sorrow, pain and anguish of soul. But the Bible also sets forth God as infinite in love, mercy, and grace; which is manifested in the gift of His Son, to redeem us to Himself. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." "Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree."

"Now then," the Apostle Paul says: "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Therefore it is written: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Believing this about God, and embracing His promise by receiving His Son as our mediator, substitute, redeemer

Girls! Don't forego this help because of an old TABOO

Just because an outworn modesty forbade discussing such subjects, is no reason why you should drag yourself through days of cramp-like pain each month without seeing whether CARDUI may aid you.

For 62 years many girls have sought relief in CARDUI's 2-way help. Some take it as a tonic: it usually stimulates the appetite, aids digestion by increasing the flow of gastric juices; thus it helps build energy and resistance for needed days. Or you may prefer to take it, as directed, 3 days before "your time"; CARDUI then often aids in relieving functional pain.

This time try CARDUI.

Bottom row, left to right: Beatrice Walley, Ovett; Mrs. E. Franck Lee, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. U. L. Higgins, Jackson; Mrs. Joseph W. Oliver, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Allen O. Webb, Terry; Upton Reynolds, Clarksdale; E. Franck Lee, Enterprise. Center row: Mary Beth Cole, Marks; Sadie Lee Davis, Clinton; James High, Batesville; Antoinia Canzoneri, Clinton; Charles Everitt, Jackson; Dr. R. T. Daniel (faculty advisor). Top row: George McLellon, Clarksdale; Raymond Morgan, Jackson, Tenn.; Joseph W. Oliver (and son), Hattiesburg; Allen O. Webb, Itta Bena; Harold Basden, Memphis, Tenn.; U. L. Higgins, Jackson.

The following members of the club were not present when the photograph was taken: Kelda Moore, Newton; Mrs. Kelda Moore, Richton; Mrs. George McLellon, Clarksdale; Mrs. James High, Batesville; Ellison Salley, Lexington; Mrs. Ellison Salley, Clinton.

Officers of the Mississippi Club are: Allen O. Webb, president; Antoinia Canzoneri, vice-president; Mrs. Franck Lee, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Allen O. Webb, reporter; Dr. R. T. Daniel, faculty advisor.

"The calendar of one of our prominent churches tells of a man who leaving the church said: 'It's give, give, give, in this church.' It so happened that the knowledge of this statement came to the finance committee of the church and the committee found upon investigation, that there was no record of any contribution being received by that church from this man who felt that too much was being said about money! It is generally that way. The man who whines about too many offerings or about too much emphasis on giving is generally the man who gives nothing." Grumblers are not givers, and givers are not grumblers.—Watchman-Examiner.

and saviour, produces peace and joy. And then in our hearts we experience that which is written: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

So then, when we come to know His infinite wisdom and knowledge, His infinite love and mercy, and His infinite grace and truth, we rejoice and understand Psalm 85:10: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

J. E. HEATH,
Winona, Miss.

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION AND THANKS

To my many friends in Northeast Mississippi, I wish to offer to you again my sincere thanks for all of your kindnesses to me as state evangelist for the past five years. You have been wonderful to me and great in your co-operative spirit in working with me. As you have already noticed in The Baptist Record, Ackerman, Miss., will be headquarters for my district, No. 3.

I feel sure that several of you have already met Rev. J. B. Ray, who is stationed in Tupelo and will work with you. Call on him. He will help you. You will like him and his services with you. Date him for revivals and use him in training classes. He will help in all of the activities of the church life.

Hoping to see many of you again, and remember to pray for me.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. ESTES,

Enlistment Pastor, 3rd District,
Ackerman, Mississippi.

Miss Myrtle Zentmeyer of Roanoke, Va., one of the field workers of the state W. M. U. in North Carolina, has accepted the position as private secretary to President Sam S. Hill of Georgetown College.

The new governor of Georgia, Ellis Arnall, is a member of the Central Baptist Church of Newnan. This church, with a membership of only 600, had a budget for last year of \$19,000, half of which went to missions and benevolences. It showed the highest per capita giving for these causes of any church in the state of Georgia.

Missouri Baptists are rejoicing over the payment of the balance of their state indebtedness. Sec. W. T. Medearis reports payment of the balance of \$25,000. They plan immediately to establish a Baptist Center at Neosho, near one of the great army camps. (Mississippians, read this and pass (give to) the Now Club.—Editor.)

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for February 14
JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND
Text: John 9

I. A Pitiable Case. John 9:1.

A poor man living in a colorless world. Not one bright spot at which to look. The sun, the moon, the stars, but words to him, so far as any consciousness of their color is concerned. Everything dark. All the helplessness which comes of this condition bound upon the heart as a burden from which there is no deliverance.

Get a copy of Rudyard Kipling's "The Light That Failed," and read it for the dread reality of all that you have fancied as to the condition of the blind.

Here as Jesus passed along the way in Jerusalem was a man who had never seen the light, a poor beggar, whining his appeal for help to the blind.

II. A Curious Question. John 9:2.

"Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" His parents might have been the cause of it. There are many blind people, and have been, whose parents, one or both, entailed blindness upon them; the parent or the parents sinned, and the child was born blind.

Can a man sin before he is born? That sounds like a foolish question, and yet, there have been in the world for much longer than the Christian era has lasted men who believe that men actually sin before their birth. All those who have believed or who now believe in the re-incarnation of the soul, that the same soul may live a number of times in different bodies, believe that men may have sinned in some former state of incarnation. There are also those who believe that unborn babes may sin in their mothers' bodies. It may be that there were among the Lord's disciples some who had heard discussions of this matter and wanted to get His opinion. III. The Lord's Apt Answer. John 9:3.

"Neither this man nor his parents." Well, who did then? Are men born blind without their blindness having been somebody's fault? A grandfather's, maybe? or a grandmother's? Back up the line of descent somewhere there was somebody who sinned, in consequence of which sin there this man was born blind. But maybe the man was blind all his life in order that the grace of God might be made manifest in him. A gracious God just allowed a babe to be born blind with no physical cause for his blindness in order that the grace of God might be shown in his case, and if God wants to do that, it is all right with me. He does not do things that way as a rule, I think. Of course the main event in this blind man's life was his meeting with the Lord and having his sight given him, along with the light of eternal life.

IV. The Identity of Jesus and His People. John 9:4.

"We must work the works of Him that sent Me." Believe me, that is

the way it is. I know our authorized version of the Bible, the King James translation, says, "I must work the works," but this translation was made before the discovery of the best manuscripts of the Gospel of John. "I must work the works," is a great deal more comforting to the brother who longs to be carried to the skies on flowery beds; but it is not true to our Lord's teaching of the solidarity of His people and the reason in the heart of God for their call to Himself. All His are called to Him for service and the obligation to perform it is equally binding upon Lord and servant. "We must work the works," and "we" includes all of His servants.

And the time of the service is now. What we ought to do of God's work today that we put off till tomorrow carries the certainty that something He wanted us to do must forever go undone. No one can do another's work, no one can cram into one day the work he ought to do in two days, because the work of each day is sufficient to that day. All that any servant of God can do on any day he ought to do on that day, for each day in the life of the Christian has its appointed work. When that day is past, its work is finished.

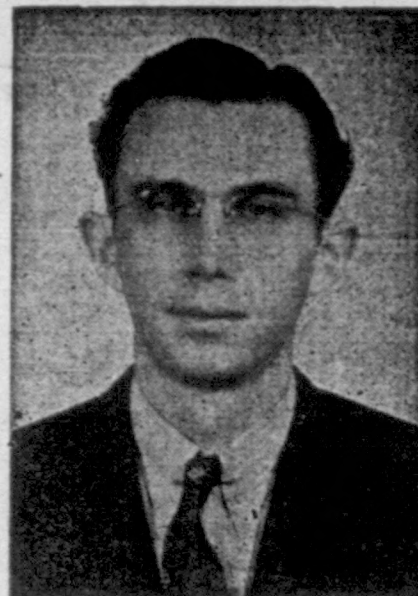
The Lord gives a reason for this exhortation to do the work of the Lord now. "The night cometh." The night is coming, and men quit work and go home at night. The night of death approaches, and any work for God we have not done when the curtain of night falls, we just never shall do.

VI. The Healing Process. John 9:6-8.

He spat on the ground, thereby dampening the clay in a tiny spot, took a bit of the clay thus dampened on His finger-tip, rubbed it upon the lids of the blind man's eyes and bade him go to the Pool of Siloam and wash his eyes in the waters of that pool. Was there some curative property imparted to the clay by the spittle of the Lord? There would have been, had He willed it, but I do not believe He did. Was the clay medicinal? Did the Lord make it medicinal for this one case? He could have done so if He had wished, but I do not believe He did. Well, did the waters of Siloam possess healing qualities for blind eyes? Of course they did not have to in any other case except this one, and our Lord could have arranged it that they would have possessed curative qualities in this one case; but I do not believe He did. Well, why the whole process then? The Lord was demanding a practical belief, a working faith.

Naaman, would you be clean of your leprosy? Go and dip in Jordan seven times and you will be made clean. Blind man, do you want to see? Hold still a minute and let me put a bit of this damp clay on your blind eyes, and now go to the Pool of Siloam and wash your eyes. I tell you something. You do as I tell you. And the blind man, impelled by something in the tone and action of this strange man, went and did as he was told. Faith laid hold of the word of Jesus and the blind eyes were enabled to see. But this faith went beyond the matter of the restoration of the sight of the blind man. It did something in his spirit.

VII. The Controversy With the Faith-



REV. C. O. LINDSEY ACCEPTS CENTER TERRACE PASTORATE

Rev. C. O. Lindsey has resigned the pastorate of Pearlhaven Baptist Church at Brookhaven in order to accept the work at Center Terrace at Canton. Brother Lindsey is a student at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and has endeared himself to the people at Pearlhaven. The work has made progress along all lines. In addition to many other forward steps the church, under his leadership, has made The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan a part of their church program. At Center Terrace he will not need to try to lead them to adopt the EF Plan. They already have it.

less Pharisees. 9:9-41.

Read the passage. See what state of heart distinguished these Pharisees. They did not want to find the truth. They were not interested in finding the truth. They were interested only in discrediting Jesus. Their hateful hearts were set against Him, and they were determined on this one point: They were not going to acknowledge that anything He did was good. They were going to continue, no matter what happened, to oppose and badger Him.

So they had passed a vote that, if any man, being a member of their synagogue, should confess Jesus as the Christ, that man should be expelled from the synagogue. They would not, and others should not, acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. So those who might have felt inclined to accept Him as the Christ faced the alternative of being cut off from the nation Israel, if they should acknowledge Him.

Out of this state of heart of the Pharisees grew the controversy which raged around Jesus in consequence of this act of mercy and salvation performed in behalf of this blind man.

VIII. The Healed Man's Strengthened Faith. John 9:9-41.

Read the passage. How much faith did the blind man have when Jesus told him to go and wash? Maybe he had only enough to do that, but that was all he needed just then. But his healing greatly increased his faith in the man who had healed him. Then he learned the identity of this healer,

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1. In your stamp collecting, did you ever run across the Gaspar Carole issue, one of many from the Bible series?

2. King Solomon during his building activities ordered certain trees cut down and used. What kind were they?

3. Have you ever been called an "angel," and if so, can you explain its meaning?

4. Here is the fourth Roosevelt and Churchill "Peace Point" program. For the two parallels from the Bible see answers to "Know Your Bible."

(Correct answer on Page 13)

and his faith mounted to a new high. "He is a prophet." "I know not so much as you say you know; but there is one thing I know: I used to be blind, and now I can see," and then a bit later when Jesus asked him (v. 35), "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe?" He has now come to the level of faith in God where he is willing to believe anything God says. See how he responds to the Lord's declaration of His own identity. "Lord, I believe."

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Standards

The Standard applications continue to come in, and many of them are from schools, departments, and classes that have never before been on this select list. We are so grateful to all those workers who have done this splendid work of leading their units to this high plane of achievement. It does not represent perfection, but it does indicate that progress is being made.

We give below the newest Standards to come to us:

Schools

Okolona, Rev. George Gay, pastor, C. A. Lyles, superintendent; Meridian-Eighth Avenue, Rev. E. F. Graeser, pastor, C. A. Bancroft, superintendent; Springfield (Scott county), Rev. L. G. Sansing, pastor, Moody R. Purvis, superintendent.

Meridian-Eighth Avenue and Springfield have been Standard before, and Springfield for many years, but this is the first time since 1927 that Okolona has been. Superintendent Lyles says that the attendance has increased from about 80 six months ago to around 135 now. That is mighty good evidence that the Standard does help.

Departments

Grenada First, Beginner, Mrs. A. N. Rayburn, superintendent; Meridian First, Beginner, Mrs. J. M. Slaughter, Jr., superintendent; Parkway Jackson, Primary, Mrs. E. S. White, superintendent; Tupelo Calvary, Junior, M. E. Leake, superintendent; Monticello, Junior, Mrs. T. C. McCullough, superintendent.

Classes

Junior: Philadelphia—Loyal Soldiers, Miss Freeda McCullough, teacher; Willing Workers, Mrs. Joab Langston, teacher; Up Streamers, Miss Enez Darby, teacher; Dorcas, Mrs. P. E. Walker, teacher; Marys, Miss Gladys Darby, teacher; Boys' Cadet Corps, J. E. Fields, teacher.

New Albany—Church Goers, Mrs. N. J. Parker, teacher.

Liberty—Boys' Cadet Corps, Mrs. J. T. Wilson, teacher.

There are other Standard units that we will have to hold over until next week. By that time we hope that many others will also be in so that they may be run in this column.

Give your people a chance to try out this excellent program that will always keep them at some very definite tasks all the time.

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—BR—

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JOHN A. FARMER ACCEPTS POSITION IN CALIFORNIA

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and his service with us—always using full faculties and energies to do his best to make the work all that it should be.

Of course, it goes without saying that we regret exceedingly to give him up, but since he feels deeply the Lord's leading to this new field, our only wish and hope is that God's will be done in his life, as we would want it done in every life. We realize most fully the loss that we sustain in his going, but we are also very conscious of California's gain. If we have been helpful to any degree whatever in now serving the Lord's work through him there, it is a joy indeed.

Mr. Farmer has been a true yoke-fellow through these nearly six years that he has labored with us. He has been a true fellow-helper in the work, ever desiring to serve at any time and whenever needed. He has never shirked any task, but has simply asked that he be used. In city, town, village or county church, his work has been highly satisfactory, and he rejoiced at the opportunity to go to one as much as to the other. Place and location had no meaning for him only as it offered a privilege for serving the Lord and his work.

While it is true that his work has been in all the different phases of our Sunday school program, yet he has given special emphasis to that of the Intermediate Department. The results have been that the work of that great department has advanced to a degree never before known with us. His work there has not only been highly recognized in Mississippi, but also among Southern Baptist Intermediate workers. He has made many and valuable contributions to the progress of this phase of the work at many meetings, conferences and assemblies, both state and Southwide. We know very well something of the rapid development of it in our state. Many classes and departments have reached standard rating for the first time, and all because of Mr. Farmer's splendid leadership in assisting, encouraging, and inspiring them to higher planes of usefulness.

Miss him? Of course we shall. But, as any Christian does, we want him to go and serve where Christ wants him to go and serve. It has been such a joy to work with him these years. His cheerful disposition has helped us many times; his deep interest has inspired us often; his consecration has challenged us to do better; his energy has prodded us on; his loyalty has strengthened us; his friendly manner has made it all most pleasant.

Through these nearly six years together in the work we have walked with him, talked with him, eaten with him, slept with him, studied with him, read the Bible with him, prayed with him, worked with him, planned with him, ridden with him, played with him, fished with him, and in all these we have found him to be a sincere, earnest Christian gentleman. He is

FLAG DEDICATION EXERCISE IS HELD AT CALVARY CHURCH, HIGHWAY NO. 3

By Eva W. Davis

Calvary Baptist Church in Warren county was the scene of a beautiful and impressive dedicatory exercise on Sunday last, as the Service Flag, American and Christian Flags were unveiled at the eleven o'clock preaching hour with the pastor, Rev. Jack Cranford, in charge of the service.

Out of its membership of little more than a hundred members, Calvary church is represented by sixteen in the armed forces of the nation, one of the stars already turned to gold in honor of Warren county's first to make the supreme sacrifice after Pearl Harbor. Front pews were reserved for the families of service men.

The program in its entirety follows: March, "As In Days of Old" (Meredith)—Miss Betty Davis.

The Star Spangled Banner (Francis Scott Key)—Congregation.

Invocation—Rev. Jack Cranford. Vocal solo, "God Bless America"—Mrs. Eva Davis.

Silent tribute in honor of our dead, one minute.

Reading of Honor Roll—J. D. Norwood.

Sermon, "Our Source of Courage"—

capable, consecrated, true, loyal, and withal, a hard worker.

May the Father's richest blessings rest upon him, Mrs. Farmer, and their little girl, Nancy Faye, as they go to this new work in California. He will make them a great worker in a great work.

Chaplain Ira D. Eavenson, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Cleveland, has been assigned to duty with the Eighth Quartermaster Training Regiment, Chapel 5, Camp Lee, Virginia, after having attended the chaplain's school at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for four weeks.

The pastor.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers"—Congregation.

Offertory, "Largo" (Handel)—Miss Betty Davis.

Benediction.

Postlude, "Onward Christian Soldiers"—Miss Betty Davis.

Calvary church, though small in numbers, is way out in front in many ways. First, it is an EVERY FAMILY church and has been for a number of years. It has had as pastor, since its beginning, some of the leading young ministers of the Baptist faith in Mississippi and while it is now only having half time preaching service, it has functioning a full time Sunday school and Baptist Training Union and a representative group of tithers. The building is well arranged and when wartime restrictions are over, the interior will be completed. The pastor is Rev. Jack Cranford, who is proving a capable and progressive leader—carrying out the tradition of an entire family in the preaching service of the state. We look forward now to the statewide revival which begins in this section on Feb. 28, and a full year of splendid service to the Master.

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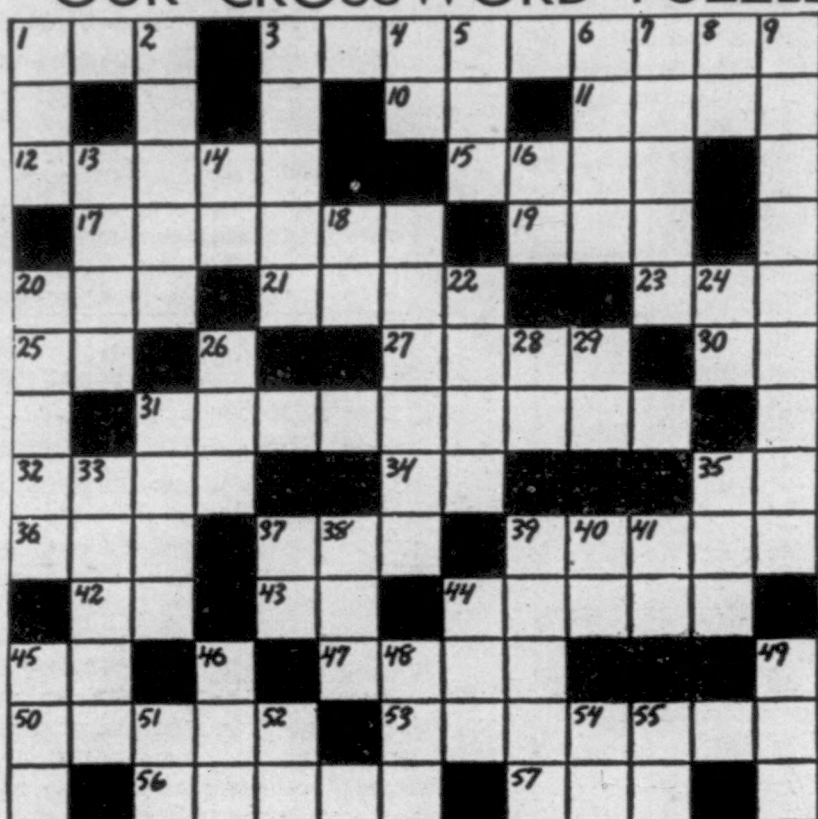
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PROMISES

Horizontal

- 1 "... he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward" Matt. 10:41.
 3 "but ... shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great" Matt. 5:19.
 10 "I ... to prepare a place for you" John 14:2.
 11 Blot out.
 12 "break one of these ... commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the ... in the kingdom of heaven" Matt. 5:19.
 15 Never (cont.)
 17 "Go thy way; thy son" John 4:50.
 19 "receive manifold more in this present time, ... in the world to come to life everlasting" Luke 18:30.
 20 "Moreover take thou unto thee an iron ..." Ezek. 4:3.
 21 Artificial language.
 23 High priest and judge of Israel. 1 Sam. 14:3.
 25 Long meter.
 27 "he shall in no ... lose his reward" Matt. 10:42.
 30 Chapter in John telling about Jesus and the woman of Samaria.
 31 "and he that ... on me shall never thirst" John 6:35.
 32 "The cock shall not ... till thou hast denied me thrice" John 13:38.
 34 Second note in scale.
 35 Size of shot.
 36 "and what ye hear in the ... that preach ye upon the housetops" Matt. 10:27.
 37 "he is of ...; ask him" John 9:21.
 39 "every one which ... shall live" John 6:40.
 42 "That ye may eat and drink at my table ... my kingdom" Luke 22:30.
 43 "he that cometh to ... shall never hunger" John 6:35.
 44 "whosoever drinketh of the water that I ... give him ... never thirst." John 4:14.

- 45 "There ... no man hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother" Mark 10:29.
 47 One thousand, five hundred and two (Roman numerals).
 50 "I will not ... you comfortless" John 14:18.
 53 "and in the world to come ... life" Mark 10:30.
 56 "If a man keep my saying, he shall ... see death" John 8:51.
 57 "but if it ... it bringeth forth much fruit" John 12:24.
 Our text is 1, 3, 17, 19, 31, 42, 43, 44, 56, and 57 combined.

Vertical

- 1 Be indisposed.
 2 Flow off gradually.
 3 "whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold ..." Matt. 10:42.
 4 King of Bashan. Josh. 13:12.
 5 "when the ... of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones" Matt. 19:28.
 6 Place of man's creation.
 7 Green (Fr. fem.)
 8 Hebrew deity.
 9 "He that ... a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward" Matt. 10:41.
 13 Son of Shem, Gen. 10:22.
 14 Under the title (L. subvoce).
 16 Each.
 18 "I will come ... you" John 14:18.
 20 "And if I go and prepare a ... for you, I will come again" John 14:3.
 22 "he that eateth of this bread shall ... forever" John 6:58.
 24 Chinese measure.
 26 "and the clouds drop down the ..." Prov. 3:20.
 27 "he that believeth in me, though he ... dead, yet shall he live" John 11:25.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



ANNOUNCEMENT!

"Calling All Mississippi Baptist Government Girls of Washington, D. C.!"

Miss Pauline Lambright, well-known youth leader and educator of Mississippi, is appealing to the Baptist people of the state to send to her the names and addresses of Baptist girls now in government service in the District of Columbia.

She is now living in this vicinity, and has observed the serious need for helping this group find a satisfactory adjustment in the abnormal war-life conditions of a congested metropolis. She is especially interested in the Mississippi girls because of her several years' experience in guidance work among them back home.

Miss Lambright has spent over a year in war department service with the U. S. engineers in the Mobile district and the Washington district. This period of work has revealed to her the deep-lined problems of the government girl with whom she has served. She states, "In a city as toxic with religious frustration, social maladjustment, deadening monotony of work, and little concern for the individual as that of our own capital, there is a specific challenge for the Christian who believes our girls can be helped. Washington has its culture, its magnificent churches, and its good people. It likewise has its multiplicity of ways that can and do detract even the young person who was loyal to the church back home. Perhaps the government girl is after all the bravest young person of the nation. Little or nothing has been done for her as compared to the many, many programs planned for girls and boys connected with more military service. She has been left largely to herself for solution of personal problems. She is making a good job of it but needs encouragement."

Ministers, parents, teachers and friends of these Mississippi girls are urged to help her locate them. Her church in Alexandria, Virginia, has promised unlimited support in what-

- 28 Compass point.
 29 And (Fr.)
 31 "Except a man be ... again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" John 3:3.
 33 "and I will ... him up at the last day" John 6:40.
 35 To take leave.
 37 "that where I ... there ye may be also" John 14:3.
 38 Precious stone.
 39 Started suddenly aside
 40 Same as 16 down.
 41 Hebrew deity.
 44 "and ... on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" Luke 22:30.
 45 "Love worketh no ... to his neighbor" Romans 13:10.
 46 Wife of Adam, Gen. 3:20.
 48 Derived.
 49 "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till ... be fulfilled" Matt. 5:18.
 51 "A city that is set on ... hill cannot be hid" Matt. 5:14.
 52 Beginning of everything.
 54 Japanese measure.
 55 Another compass point.

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The W. M. U. of the Sharon Baptist Church, located near Laurel in Jones county has just written the Orphanage that they have decided to help with clothing one of the small boys. The name of Arnold Hall, age 3, one of the fine youngsters has been sent these good ladies, also his measurements, needs and picture. I know Arnold will be happy when his first package is received. Thanks to the good ladies are extended from the Orphanage and also from Arnold.

The new governor of Oklahoma, Robert S. Kerr, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and an active one. For several years he has been one of the faithful Sunday school teachers.

Is Dr. Mayo an authority? "Religion, not booze, is what a sick man needs. A Bible is a far better stimulant than a bottle. Faith heals where bourbon fails. ... Alcohol has no place in medicine."—Dr. William J. Mayo.

—BR—

Had it occurred to you that as a rule folks who do the least for their church, expect the most from it when trouble knocks at their door?

ever attempt she wants to make to bring the group together for a fuller religious life, a richer recreational program, and an opportunity for Christian fellowship with one another. You will be assisting the girl, and also aiding in a great way our denominational program by sending the names and addresses. Please do this at your earliest opportunity and announce it in your churches.

Miss Lambright is now an instructor of history and government in the George Washington high school, and is also doing graduate work in war guidance and social problems in the George Washington University. Her address is as follows: 312 E. Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria, Va.

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New Church, City Mission Product, Breaks Ground Despite Priorities



Oldest member of Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church, newest product of the city mission program in Atlanta, is Mrs. Ella Stephens, shown above turning the first spade full of dirt at the ground breaking. Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, left, and Pastor E. B. Slay, right, directed the service.

In spite of priorities on building materials and labor shortage, Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, a product of the city mission program of the Home Mission Board and one of the newest churches in the city, has launched a building program with a determination which shows a will to win.

Encouraged in the move by Superintendent Solomon F. Dowis of the city mission department and led by their pastor, Rev. E. B. Slay, the congregation broke ground on a recent wintry Sunday afternoon.

Cleveland Avenue is one of the seven new churches organized by the city mission program in Atlanta in less than two years of its operation. These seven churches of Atlanta grew out of tent meetings and mission services conducted by Superintendent Dowis.

The Cleveland Avenue congregation is an outgrowth of the work of the Berean Bible class of Capitol View Baptist Church, a class taught by Pastor Slay of the new church. Other churches organized in the city also represent volunteer missionary work on the part of members of other aggressive churches.

In the Home Mission Board's city mission program under the general direction of Dr. Dowis, eight cities are now included, Baltimore and Durham being the latest to be added to

the group. Rev. G. Raymond Brooks and Rev. F. O. Hemphill were elected by the Board to be superintendents of the city mission program in Baltimore and Durham, respectively, in undertakings in co-operation with the Baptist churches of the cities.

Superintendents have been selected for three other cities while plans are under way to begin the city mission program in three other cities at an early date. The Board's city mission program will thus be in operation in fourteen cities soon.

Home Mission Offering Up Fifty Percent In January

Home mission offerings in January were up over fifty percent above the same month last year, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, reported at the meeting of the Board's Executive Committee February 4. Total receipts, he said, reached \$68,734.22, compared with \$45,302.78 in January last year.

January offerings included \$51,468.29 from the Cooperative Program; \$16,697.69 from the Hundred Thousand Club, and \$1,568.34 from other sources.

Named to mission posts were Rev. G. Raymond Brooks, Baltimore; Rev. F. D. Hemphill, Durham; Rev. Arnaldo Armendariz, Brownwood, Tex., and Rev. Othinel Armendariz, Pearsall, Texas, Mexican workers; and Miss Jessie Parmelee, French worker, Montegut, La.; Rev. F. H. Linton and Rev. Jose Prado, Panama Canal Zone.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work, who was invited by the army as one of eighty-six civilians to attend the third Army Orientation School at Fort Leavenworth, reported to the Board that he was convinced that the nation is now engaged in a big task, the immensity of which has not been realized by the public.

"My conviction was deepened that we are in a long war," he added. "Reverses are bound to come, and the

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Jones Bayou	65	32
Jackson First	1002	293
New Albany	353	110
Fellowship (Jasper)	50	
Calhoun City	140	53
Liberty Hill (Panola)	127	66
Hernando	84	54
Batesville	112	42
Griffith Memorial-Jackson	669	317
Olive Branch	74	45
Wallerville	72	50
Tupelo First	574	149
Roundaway	77	117
Kreole	87	22
Enon (Panola)	73	45
Old Town	144	55
Calvary Jackson	982	225
Crystal Springs	336	125
Ellison Ridge	117	
January 31:		
Tupelo First	530	166
Bear Creek (Attala)	60	
West End	48	45
Bethlehem (Jones)	60	68
Crystal Springs	346	133
Montevista	68	44
Cross Roads (Webster)	72	
Louisville	303	93
Olive Branch	55	32
Roundaway	65	80
Mt. Zion (Wayne)	58	

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Miss Sue Hughes of Roundaway church, Sunflower county, reports a revival in that church the first week in February. It was conducted by Rev. C. C. Carraway of Boyle. There were 21 additions.

West End church, West Point, has given the pastor a substantial raise in salary and have increased their pledge for missions for the coming year. They also write that they hope to have the EVERY FAMILY Plan soon. (Editor's Note: Their hopes are now facts. The EVERY FAMILY list was received today.)

school helped me to be prepared to encourage the chaplains when these reverses come. Our people have not begun to make sacrifices nor to realize what we are up against."

The place of the chaplain was brought home anew and with emphasis to the civilian class, Dr. Carpenter said. Army officers and economic leaders he added saw that the military program depends on religion in psychological warfare for building up morale.

The committee on army and navy chaplains, of which Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., is chairman, stated that eighty Southern Baptist ministers have been endorsed for chaplaincy appointments since January 1.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature on Page Twelve)

1. (Bible stamp series)—In 1939, a series of stamps was issued by Hungary, on which a tribute to Gaspar Carole appeared; showing him reading the Holy Book, which he had translated into the Magyar tongue.

2. ("angel")—Angel means "messenger of God," indicating spiritual beings, exalted far above man, whose duty it is to do Him service in heaven and to succor and defend men on earth.

3. (Kind of trees)—They were "the cedars of Lebanon." See I Kings, Chapter 10, Verse 27.

4. (Number four of Eight Points)—"They will endeavor, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all states, great or small, victor or vanquished, for access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity." For the two parallels read Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 31; and Deuteronomy, Chapter 15, Verse 8. (See next week for number five, "Peace Point Parallels.")

The members of the Clarke-Venable Memorial church of Decatur came together for four nights, Feb. 1-4, to study their Church Member's Handbook, by Odle, which had been presented to every resident member by the pastor and church as a Christmas present. The attendance was good, and many said that it meant more to them than a "revival." Many want this to be an annual affair. Church-Loyalty-Stewardship Revival, March 1-7.

Liberty Hill, Panola county, has already raised Pastor J. H. Sherman's salary and they are now planning to re-roof the church.

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MISSISSIPPIAN SPENDS CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND

(Continued from Page One)

are in this part of the world and even in my movements—all of which I cannot tell for military reasons.

Since I flew over Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and other places, I have had a real desire to see the Holy Land and other historical places more in detail.

The region around Jerusalem reminds one very much of the country around Nashville except there is very little vegetation. It is mountainous and barren, but where there is a chance for irrigation and where there is any rainfall the citrus and grain crops are very abundant, and where they are small valleys the grain crops resemble West Tennessee. There is no machinery, and the camel and donkey are the animals used to pull the plows, and much of the work is done by hand. Most all the settlements are as ancient as the Bible, and one can see the need of modern methods. The Jews have selected many settlements and have transplanted trees and are doing community pooling in their farming and industry. Of course, there is a big contrast between their settlements and those of the Arabs. Their socialistic tendencies will be a great experiment.

Leaving Lydda, which was also Joppa at one time, we traveled through the mountain regions with very sharp and dangerous curves and arrived in New Jerusalem at the San-Remo Hotel for breakfast. Sardines, soup, onions, and radishes were included in the breakfast. I could not understand Hebrew, so I could not very well converse with the natives in their tongue, but most of them could speak English. Over this territory we had seen the curves of the Seven Sisters, the Hills of Judea, and the Roman Fortress built by Hadrian in 135 A. D.

I was amazed at Jerusalem, for the new part is pretty modern and the old part as old as old is. The entire city is one of 120,000 population, so they say; but it seemed to me much less when compared to American cities, for the people lived closer together and deep in a single building. Most buildings are made of rock and concrete or cement, and those are about the sole materials. Many of the olive trees were cut down in the last war as fuel got scarce.

The first place we went after leaving the hotel was the Mount of Olives, and here I had that same feeling I had had previously when I flew up the Jordan from the Dead Sea to the Sea of Galilee. At the Mount of Olives there is a dome-shaped building, a fine place to get a real view of the city. The view across the seven miles to the Dead Sea would thrill any soul. It looked about the distance of one mile, yet to get to the Dead Sea we had to travel thirty-five miles. From the Mount of Olives we passed Mount Zion, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden of Gethsemane, and near-by King Solomon's Temple.

Now we entered the first place whose history is debatable. We visited the Garden Tomb, which the Church of England believes to be the Tomb of Christ. They support their belief by saying Christ would not have been buried within the walls of Old Jerusalem, and since the place is in the shape of a skull it has the appearance of the Calvary. There is a cell hewn out in the side of the rock, a tomb, and the big rock which was pushed from the tomb to allow Christ to leave. From here we passed along where David was anointed; by the place where David fought the Philistines; by the cistern of the Wise Men where the star appeared to show the way to Bethlehem. Passed Rachel's tomb on the road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Passed the home and field of the Shepherds where the angel appeared, and Herodium, the crater where Herod was buried and where Crusaders



Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 2—Four generations. Great Grandpa J. A. Skilton (seated) holding Daniel Louis Skilton, Junior, five days old. Standing: Grandpa Frank E. Skilton, public relations director of Blue Mountain College; and the father, Private Daniel L. Skilton, home on furlough from the army air corps at Salt Lake City, Utah, to welcome the blessed event. Private Skilton attended Mississippi College before joining the colors, and Mrs. Skilton, the former Lillian May, attended Blue Mountain College.

occupied the place in the Twelfth Century.

Then we visited the Church of the Nativity where I also felt very solemn. It was said that the church was built in 330 A.D. It really has an ancient look and looks more like I had expected than most of the places. It is in three parts and is supported by the Roman Catholic, Armenian, and the Greek Orthodox, each of which has a separate part of the place. I had really expected the various denominations to be together on this, but there are differences of opinion even at Christ's birthplace. The Armenian part is the largest with forty-four large columns and a mosaic floor underneath, the floor we walked said to have been laid by Queen Helena in the Fourth Century. In the back is the Roman Catholic part where the carols are to be sung during tonight's broadcast. The organ was played while I had my group there, and I felt very complimented for it isn't played for all sight-seeing groups. I went down into the manger, and it could very easily be the place of Christ's birth. The manger is underground, and the church is built over the birthplace. We also saw Joseph's Chapel where the angel appeared and told Joseph to go to Egypt.

On the next breath we visited King Solomon's quarries, and I bought some Masonic gavels for my friends here. We went back and back, and it is said that the caves where the stone was removed to build King Solomon's Temple were miles back and some reached to Jericho. It was interesting to see the method of removing the stone. They would proba-

bly cut a trench and drive a dry wedge into the trench, and then wet the wooden wedge and when it swelled the rock would be cut smoothly. I do not doubt it. The Masons often have ceremonies here.

We went to the Valley of Joshua and back to take a better look at the Garden of Gethsemane. In the garden were eight olive trees supposed to be the oldest living trees. One, nearest the building, was pointed out as the tree of agony where Christ knelt and prayed. I saw what were supposed to be the gates through which he rode from Jericho. The paintings in the church are the most beautiful I saw, done by an Italian painter in 1923. Other paintings of Judas, Mary, and Jesus were on the walls. The church is the Church of Gethsemane, and all the nations got together for one time and donated the funds to build it. There are also ten beautiful pillars in the church. Besides the trees in the garden there are many native flowers, and the garden is well tended. On the road to Bethany I saw the place where Jesus is supposed to have visited Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, the Apostles' Fountain, and the Good Samaritan Inn. The Inn had been destroyed in 1918, but I could imagine its really being the place of the Good Samaritan. It is a long way through the hills from Jericho to Jerusalem, and one needed good endurance even to make it on a donkey. At Jericho I could imagine that I could look across the Dead Sea to where Moses was shown the Land of Canaan and where he died.

Jericho has some ancient walls, and I believe they were probably built in those days. I also saw some of the largest oranges here. I saw Elisha's Fountain, the only source of water for irrigation and drinking. Of course, I enjoyed hearing and remembering the story as to how Joshua and the trumpeters captured the city. I had a swim in the Dead Sea. It was a bit frigid, but the minerals almost burned me up when I got out. The water is very salty and bitter, and it is said that 35 per cent of the water is mineral salts. I could not sink, and my body floated a good way out in the water. I made an effort to find a living organism in it but failed. One of the boys found a small life-like shell which might have contained some living being, but it is said that a very small water snake is the only living thing in it. I really had to take a wash when I got out, and the water was so bitter to your lips that it puckered them and burned for quite a while. We went up and above and crossed the Jordan.

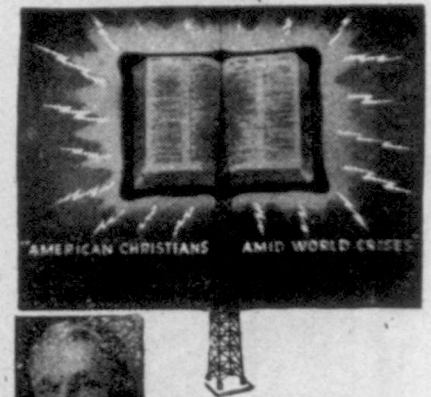
In Old Jerusalem we saw several gates to the old city, one to Jericho, to Mecca, to Joffa, and one which the Kaiser had widened in 1918. Here the wall is about sixty feet high and twenty feet thick. Most of it was probably built in the Sixteenth Century. The part known as King David's wall is probably 2,000 years old. I visited the native bazaars and a Jewish synagogue built in the Sixteenth Century. At the Wailing Wall where the Jews came to worship, I stood amazed. Their sing-song prayers will always be remembered. I believe they believe they will be cleansed here before entering the temple of Christ some day.

The greatest disappointment was the Mosque of Oma, or King Solomon's Temple, for I had pictured it as being a great Masonic shrine. It has been built, destroyed, and rebuilt. The paintings and glass windows were mysterious to me. From one angle you can see a window and at another place where it should be visible you can not see it. The frame work stands out at such an angle as to hide the glass. There are many beautiful Persian rugs, and as usual you have to go barefooted or put on the sandals. There is a niche in the wall where people turn their faces towards Mecca.

From here we visited the place where Pilate turned Christ over to the mob. I looked into the Roman Barracks and

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning with this issue The Baptist Record is a part of our church budget. And through our budget it is coming to every family in the church. It is the hope of the pastor that every member of our church will take advantage of this opportunity to keep informed about the Kingdom work of our Lord to the uttermost parts of the earth and that our own personal consecration and loyalty to the local church may be strengthened. —Rev. Berton McGee, pastor.

There were five additions at New Albany on Sunday, February 7.

saw where Christ was supposedly put into the locks. It is a spooky place, and many prisoners could have been kept here for they were really dungeons. The Arch where Pilate gave Christ over to the Jews looked ancient, and the stops the bearers of the cross and Christ made on the way to the crucifixion are well marked. In the Church of the Holy pulchre the scene where his body was anointed was well preserved. The inside was gorgeous, for the Greek Orthodox, Armenian, and Roman Catholic churches have got together on the support of this, and there are many gold and ornamental hangings. The door is small, and there is room for only five people in the tomb at one time. You are expected to pay or donate here. I went inside the building and saw the cross of crucifixion, as they claim. I saw nothing real in it and was repelled for the first time, because one loses the sentimentality and has the feeling, "What do they think I am, a sucker?" Then I went into the place where the Franciscans were and got a certificate for twenty cents to show that I had been there and a piece of the rock of the cross. I bet everyone feels as resentful as I do at being offered such a piece. There have been enough people here to have taken away a mountain, no matter how small the piece. Anyway, the two or three places where I felt things were unreal didn't make me feel really bad, for so much of it is beautiful that I failed to see the ugly part. The greatest lesson that I have learned on the whole trip is that human beings will always have differences of opinion. I do not condemn them for that, for certainly nobody thinks as I do sometime—and I am glad of that. The people differ in Jerusalem just as they do in Clinton.

I am so glad I went and would not take gold for the experience.